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「ランプを持たずに暗がりに行ってはいけない。
暗闇の精霊に魂をとられてしまうから」。
そんな言い伝えがある「ランプ街」にやって来た
少女・オレガノ。しかし、オレガノは
好奇心から暗闇でランプの灯を消してしまい…
光と影のロマンチカルフェアリーテイル。

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第一話
CHAPTER ONE

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TEI ATARU

IT REALLY IS A BIG TOWN...
I HEARD THE RUMORS, BUT
rattle
I HEARD ABOUT IT, BUT THERE ARE
YES. MY GRANDMOTHER PASSED AWAY... SO I CAME HERE WITH MY BROTHER'S PERMISSION.
LITTLE MISS, IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME IN LAMP CITY?
rattle
rattle

WHAT A STRANGE TOWN...
LAMP
LAMPS,
LAMPS,
LAMPS,
LAMPS EVERY-WHERE!
HAHAHA! THAT'S BECAUSE THIS TOWN'S PEOPLE ARE COWARDS.
COWARDS...?
Ah.
THE TOWNSPEOPLE ARE ALSO CARRYING LAMPS...
amp Radha

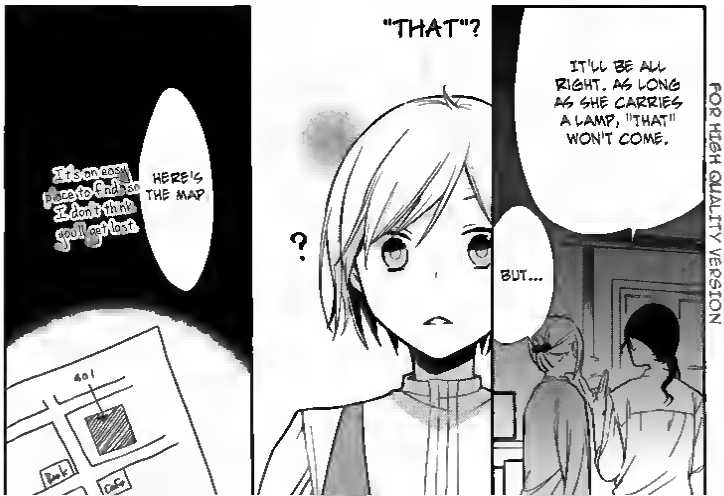
WE'RE MEETING HERE, RIGHT? . . .
A LAMP ATELIER?
OREGA-NO?
YOU CAME ALONE?
BIG BROTHER!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.

WOW...
THAT'S AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF LAMPS...
HE'S STILL THE SAME AS EVER...
angry
.....
...
snub
YOU'RE HIS YOUNGER SISTER RIGHT? YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THE LONG TRIP. COME INSIDE
BOSS.
peek
THE LAMP'S FLAME HAS A WEIRD COLOR
DO YOU LIKE THEM?
BUT WHAT IS THIS?
AMAZING...
THEY WERE ALL MADE IN OUR STORE.

ignoring it
BOSS,
YOU FORGOT TO DELIVER THE LAMP TO MRS. EMMA'S PLACE.
GINGER, YOUR SISTER IS SUCH A NICE KID.
squeeze
squeeze
REALLY?
YES! THEY'RE VERY PRETTY.
sparkle
sparkle

...
UM, IF IT'S NOT A BOTHER, SHALL I GO?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO?
were you whining planning on working after your father's death?
kick
WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP KICKING PEOPLE?
If I'm out, then who's going to watch over the shop?!
BUT I ALREADY HAVE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.
HAVE YOU GONE SENILE? IT WAS WRITTEN ON A MEMO THAT IT WAS DUE TODAY.
HUH? WAS IT SUPPOSED TO BE DELIVERED TODAY?

BOSS!
YOU'RE MY SAVIOR, GINGER'S SISTER.
WHAT KIND OF NON-SENSE—
I'VE JUST ARRIVED, BUT IF YOU DRAW ME A MAP...
And my brother is always in your care.
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? ARE YOU BOTHERED ABOUT LETTING YOUR SISTER GO OUT ON HER OWN?
ANNOYED
SURPRISE


HERE'S THE MAP
It's an easy place to find so I don't think you'll get lost
4 or 1
Bank
Cafe
?
"THAT"?
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT. AS LONG AS SHE CARRIES A LAMP, "THAT" WON'T COME.
BUT...

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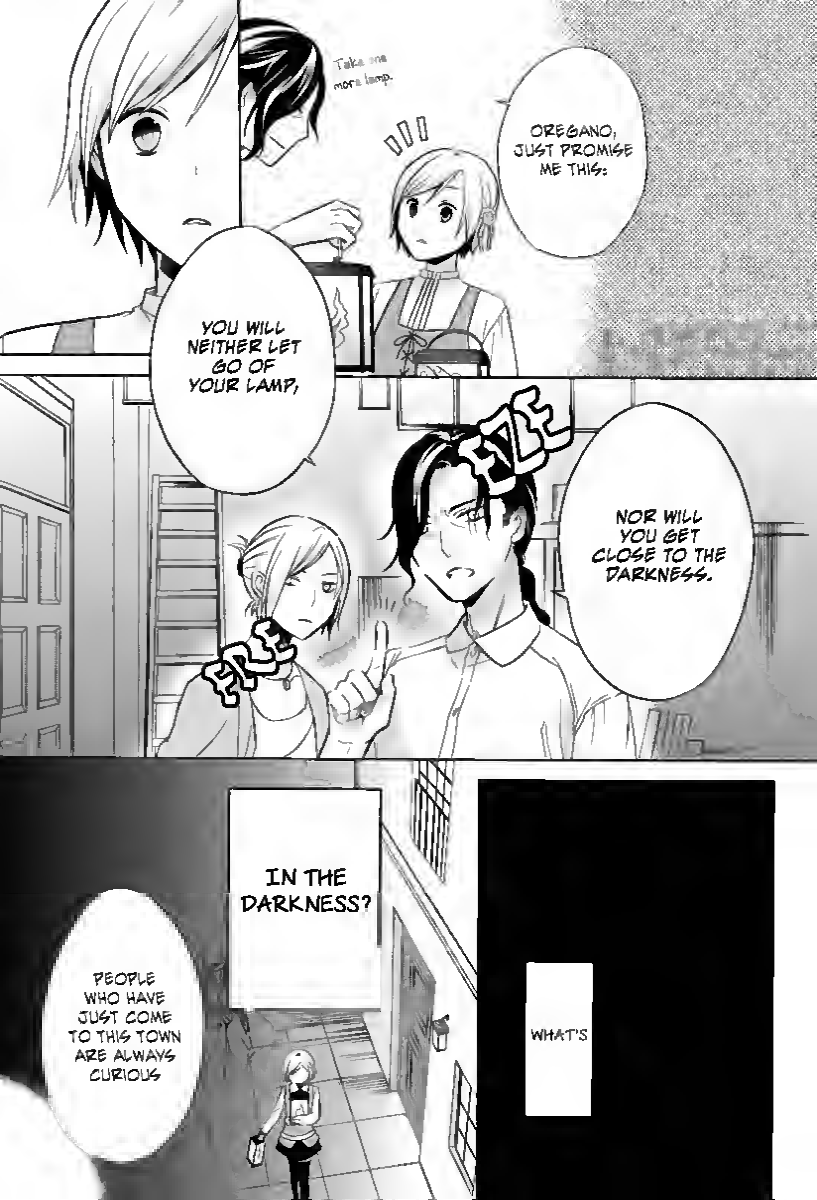
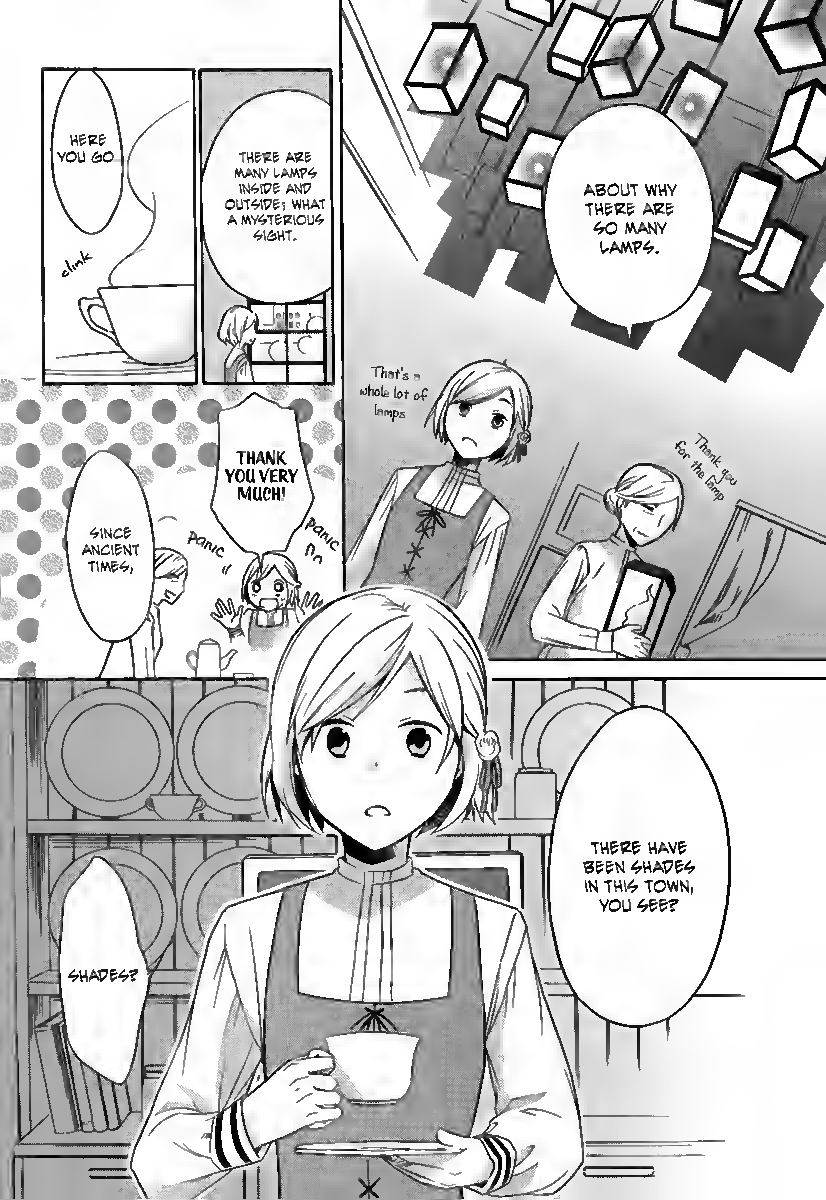

Take one more lamp.
OREGANO, JUST PROMISE ME THIS:
YOU WILL NEITHER LET GO OF YOUR LAMP,
NOR WILL YOU GET CLOSE TO THE DARKNESS.
IN THE DARKNESS?
PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST COME TO THIS TOWN ARE ALWAYS CURIOUS
WHAT'S


ABOUT WHY THERE ARE SO MANY LAMPS.
That's a whole lot of lamps
Thank you for the lamp
THERE ARE MANY LAMPS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE; WHAT A MYSTERIOUS SIGHT.
HERE YOU GO
clink
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
panic
panic
panic
SINCE ANCIENT TIMES,
THERE HAVE BEEN SHADES IN THIS TOWN, YOU SEE?
SHADES?

THEY DWELL IN THE DARKNESS
THE "DARK LAMPS" WHOSE FLAMES ARE MADE OF HUMAN SOULS LIVE IN THEIR HANDS
YOU TOO BE CAREFUL SO THAT YOU WON'T HAVE YOUR SOUL ROBBED
COUNTLESS HUMAN SOULS HAVE BEEN MADE INTO THEIR FLAMES
WE ARE AFRAID OF THE DARKNESS
BECAUSE THE SHADES QUIETLY ROB HUMANS OF THEIR SOULS FROM THE SHADOWS
THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE KIND OF STORY YOU READ TO CHILDREN

I SEE...
SO THERE ARE A LOT OF LAMPS IN THIS TOWN TO FRIGHTEN THE SHADES
HOP
I WONDER WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE.
excited
excited
Or are they like skulls?
Or they look like ghosts?
Yeah, let's check it out!

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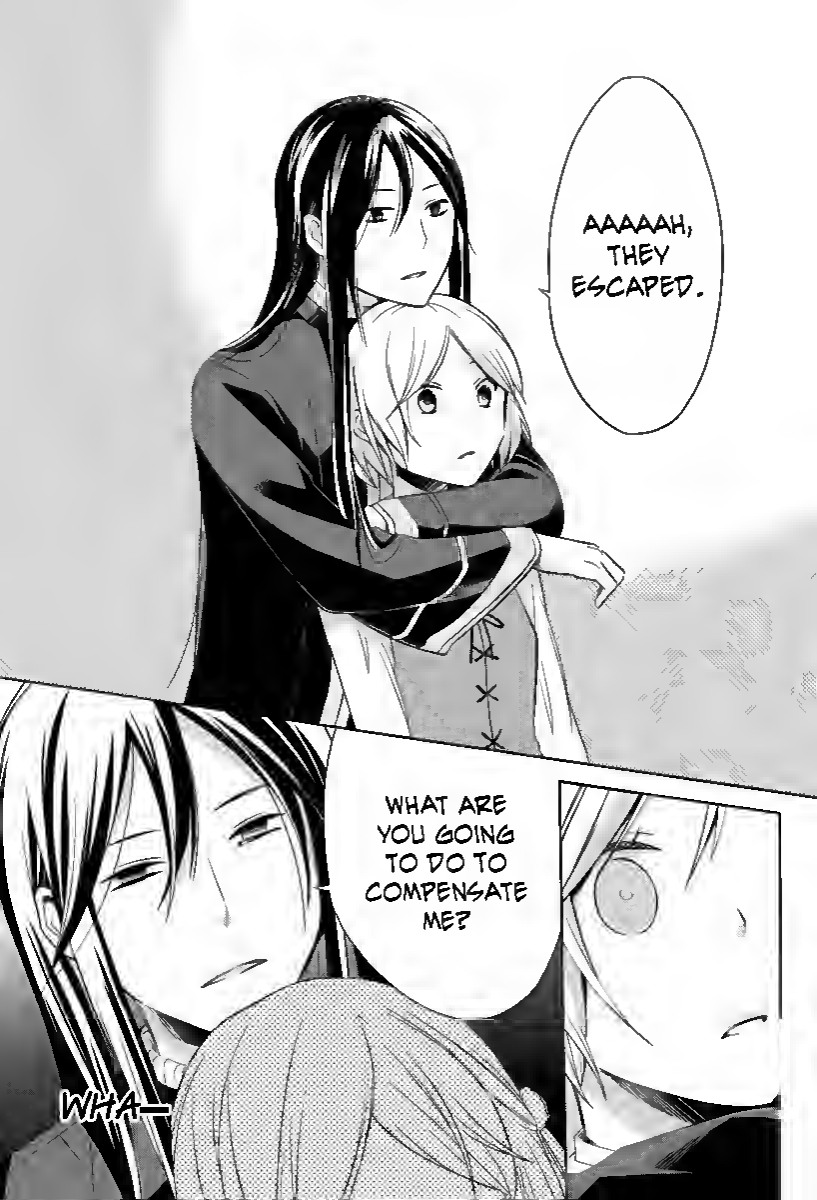
"YOU WILL NEITHER LET GO OF YOUR LAMP..."
SCARY LOOKING CREATURES... HMM?
TO THINK SUCH THINGS EXISTED...
IT'S INTRIGUING
heh heh heh!
horror fan
WITHOUT LETTING THE LIGHTS GO OUT, THE HOUSES ARE PILING UP HIGHER AND HIGHER IN SEARCH OF SUNLIGHT
IS IT NECESSARY TO GO TO THAT EXTENT? ARE THEY THAT SCARY?
PSHH

WHAT....?
Ah!

creak...
HUH?
BUT ITS FLAME IS STRANGE...
CLATTER
A LAMP?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
THE FLAMES...
FLEW OUT...
whoosh...
HUUUUH?! WHAT?!


AAAAAH, THEY ESCAPED.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO COMPENSATE ME?
WHA—

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STAB
WHAT?
SLIP...

BECOME MY LAMP.
IT HURTS!!
STOP!
BA
DUMP
BA-DUMP
STO...
BA-DUMP
HOT...
MY BLOOD IS BOILING.
COUGH

ハメ
ない

UGH...
SUP...
dash
cough
I HAVE TO GET AWAY!
QUICKLY
WHOOSH
I HAVE TO RUN AWAY!!
gasp
surprise

chatter
I CAME BACK!?
chatter
CHILL...
I WAS REALLY ON THE VERGE OF HAVING MY SOUL ROBBED.
I THINK I NOW UNDERSTAND WHY THE PEOPLE HERE ARE AFRAID OF THE DARKNESS.
LAMP
glo—om
ARE YOU STUPID?
tap
tap

Expecting Your Fan Mail to TEI AYAKUJI!
中てい先生に励ましのお便りを出そう！
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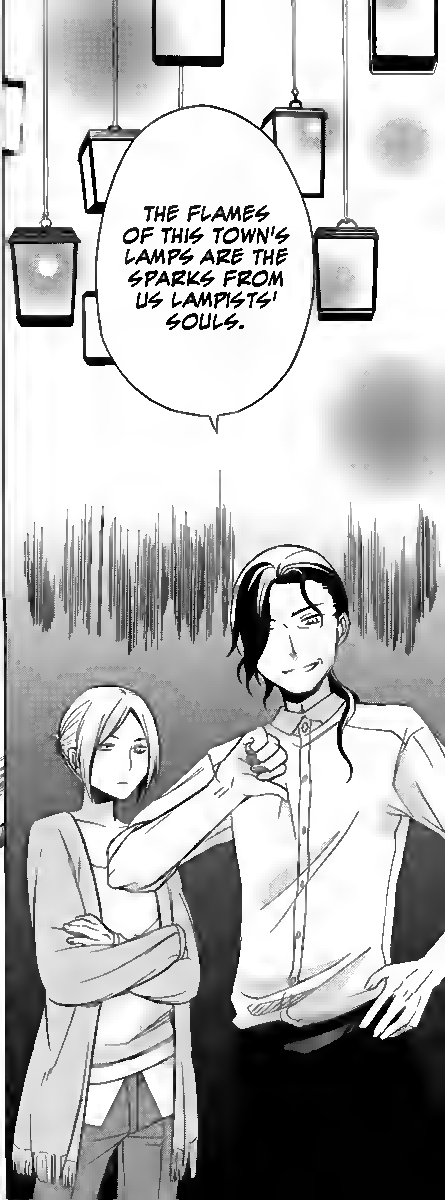
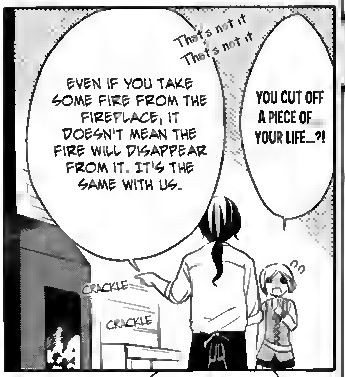
Ten minutes earlier
Huh? Oregano, what happened to your lamp?
I gave you another one right?
Ah!
I...
I LOST IT——...
DON'T YOU KNOW THE SAYING "CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT"?
YES.
Things like putting out the flame on your own...
PRICK
PRICK
EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS WARNED SHE GOT CARRIED AWAY WITH CURIOSITY AND IGNORED THE WARNING. ISN'T SHE THE IDIOT IN THIS CASE?
WELL, WELL. AS LONG AS OREGANO CAME BACK SAFELY, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER, DOES IT?
BAM
I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T "SAFE"! SHE ENCOUNTERED A SHADE!
Blah blah... You're such a fussy man
!!!
YOU,
scab
Actually you're right

I TOOK YOU IN BECAUSE YOU'RE MY SISTER, BUT I DON'T PLAN ON TAKING CARE OF EVERY LITTLE PROBLEM.
KEEP THAT IN MIND AND ACT PROPERLY.
...YES.
HE HATES ME, DOESN'T HE?
BUT STILL, YOU DID WELL. YOU MANAGED TO ESCAPE EVEN THOUGH A SHADE WAS IN FRONT OF YOU...
ALL THE PEOPLE CAUGHT BY THEM HAVE HAD THEIR SOULS PULLED OUT.
WHAT HAP-PENS WHEN YOU GET YOUR SOUL PULLED OUT?
YOU LOSE CON-SCIOUSNESS AND STAY ASLEEP FOREVER.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S STRANGE...

....
SHINE
WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT?
THERE WAS SOME KIND OF LIGHT COMING FROM MY BODY....
AND THANKS TO IT, I GOT AWAY....
OREGANO, COULD IT BE
THAT YOU HAVE THE TALENT TO BECOME A LAMPIST?

WHAT ...?
IT'S NOT LIKE ANYONE CAN BECOME A LAMPIST.
ONLY A PERSON WHOSE SOUL IS TWICE AS BRIGHT AS A NORMAL PERSON'S CAN DO IT.
IT'S A TALENT YOU'RE BORN WITH.
SOUL ?
Gh...
Fire came out of his hands!
WHA.. WHAT!?
YOU SENSED THAT OUR LAMP MAKING AND THE TOWN'S LAMPS WERE SOMEHOW DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHERS, RIGHT?
YES, I THOUGHT THE COLOR WAS STRANGE...


THE FLAMES OF THIS TOWN'S LAMPS ARE THE SPARKS FROM US LAMPISTS' SOULS.


YOU CUT OFF A PIECE OF YOUR LIFE...?!
That's not it
That's not it
EVEN IF YOU TAKE SOME FIRE FROM THE FIREPLACE, IT DOESN'T MEAN THE FIRE WILL DISAPPEAR FROM IT. IT'S THE SAME WITH US.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

A PART OF THE BRIGHTNESS OF OUR SOULS. LIGHTS THE LAMPS WE MAKE. IT IS CALLED "THE LAMP OF LIGHT".
THE SPIRITS ARE WEAK AGAINST THIS LIGHT...

WEAK?
THAT'S WHY I MANAGED TO ESCAPE AT THAT TIME

THAT'S RIGHT.
SHADES' LAMPS
HAD A DIFFERENT COLOR THAN THOSE OF THE LAMPISTS. THE SPIRITS' LIGHTS WERE DRAB.
WHAT'S HERE ARE THE LAMPS FROM A LAMPIST...
THE SHADES STEAL SOULS TO MAKE THE "DARK LAMPS"
THE TOWNSPEOPLE FEAR THE DARKNESS BECAUSE IT CALLS IN THE SHADES
THE LAMPISTS MAKE THE "LAMPS OF LIGHT" THAT SHINE ON THE DARKNESS
THE LIGHT BORN FROM THE LAMPISTS' SOULS ILLUMINATES THE DARKNESS AND COLORS THE TOWN

MORE ABOUT THIS TOWN
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BOSS...
SCOUTING PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE TALENT IS ALSO PART OF A LAMPIST'S JOB
MY HEART IS POUND-ING
I WANT TO TRY!
I WANT TO KNOW
BOSS!
OREGANO, DO YOU WANT TO TRY?
How about it?

I WANT TO TRY BEING A LAMPIST.

THEN IT'S DECIDED!
DO WHAT YOU WANT!
Stud
Don't put out the lamp even when you go to sleep.
I got it. Good night.
I FEEL LIKE THIS WAS A LONG DAY

I DIDN'T THINK BIG BROTHER WOULD TALK TO ME...
Waver...
EVERY DAY, I WAS WORRYING ABOUT HOW I SHOULD LIVE NOW THAT GRANNY'S GONE
AND I MET A SHADE TOO.
HE WASN'T SCARY LOOKING AT ALL
HE WAS PRETTY...
I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM ONCE MORE
WHO WAS PRETTY?

I FOUUUND YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES.
Ouch
I'm sorry
HE APPEARED LIKE HE WAS IN A HORROR ..
ba-thump
NO, NOT THAT...!!
IF YOU ENCOUNTER A SHADE, FIRST OF ALL RUN!
DASH
SLIP
Slllliide

YOU RUINED ALL MY LAMPS. SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE, I THOUGHT I'D COME TO TAKE YOU INSTEAD.
What business do you have with me?
YOU'RE THE SPIRIT FROM THAT TIME...
...
THE LAMP IS... TOO FAR!
SHOOT!
SMILE
grab...
HE GOT INTO THE ROOM!!
grip grip grip
YOU'LL TAKE MY SOUL AND MAKE IT INTO A LAMP, RIGHT?
YEP, IT'S A BOTHER IF I DON'T HAVE ANY LAMPS
NOW, HAND OVER YOUR SOUL.

EVEN IF I SAY NO, YOU'LL STILL STEAL IT, WON'T YOU?
sigh...
I'M NICE SO I'M ASKING FOR YOUR CONSENT.
Yeah that's true, but
I'm super nice, aren't I?
BUT NO MATTER WHAT I SAY, YOU'LL MAKE ME INTO A LAMP, RIGHT?
HAHA.
YOU,
YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF ME.
dazed
I DON'T SENSE ANYTHING FRIGHTENING COMING FROM YOU.
Hmm how boring
USUALLY WHEN PEOPLE SEE US, THEY TREMBLE LIKE CRAZY AND BEG FOR THEIR LIVES.

I'M CERTAINLY SCARED, BUT
I'd be a problem to have my soul taken.
MORE THAN THAT, I'M INTERESTED
IN YOU.
blink
INTERESTED?

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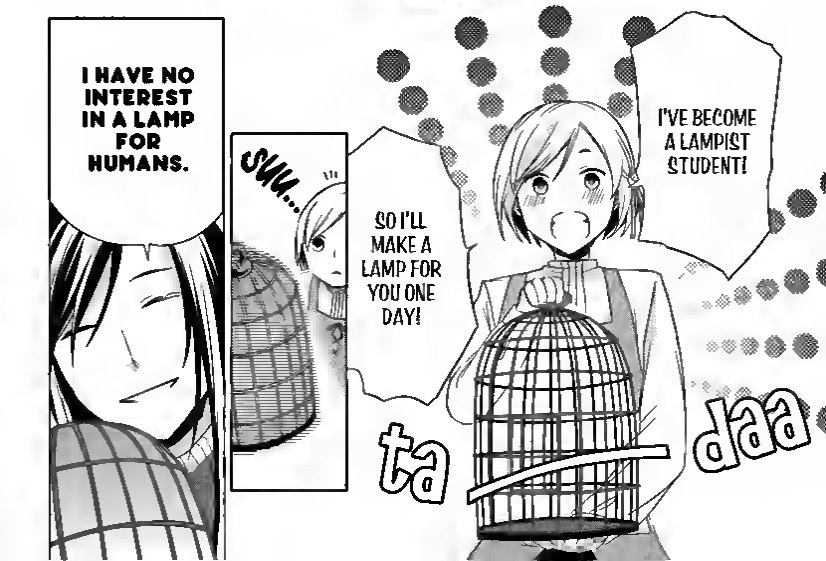
AH!
ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT FOR YOUR LAMP,
HAHAHA, WHAT A STRANGE GIRL. YOU'RE FUNNY.
But I'd rather you be scared
chuckle
chuckle
AH, NO WHEN I SAY "INTERESTED", I MEAN MY HEART WAS JUMPING FROM THE SCARY EXPERIENCE... NOT THAT!
panic
panic



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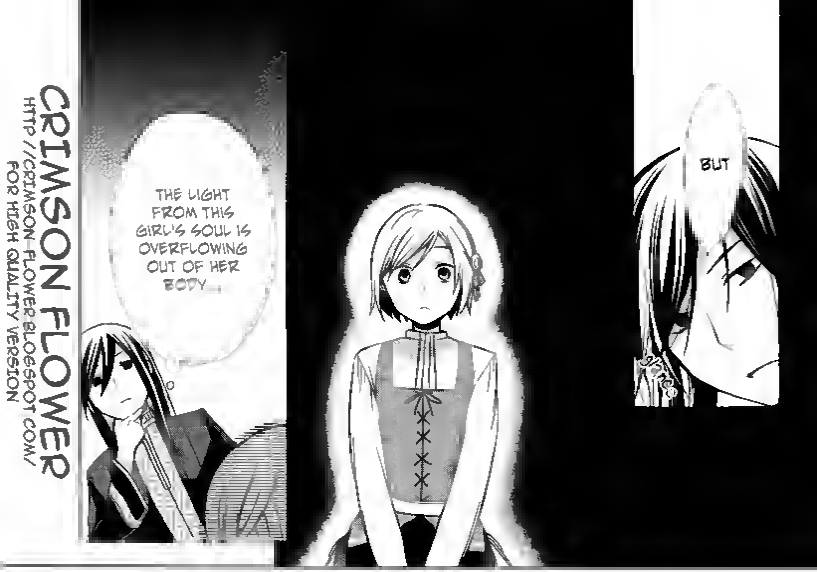
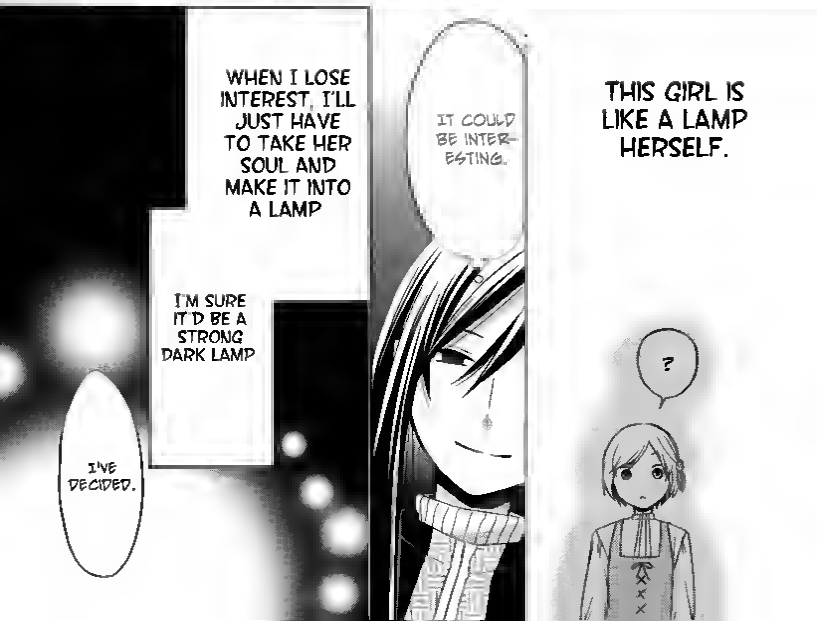



THIS GIRL IS LIKE A LAMP HERSELF.
?
IT COULD BE INTERESTING.
WHEN I LOSE INTEREST, I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE HER SOUL AND MAKE IT INTO A LAMP
I'M SURE IT'D BE A STRONG DARK LAMP
I'VE DECIDED.

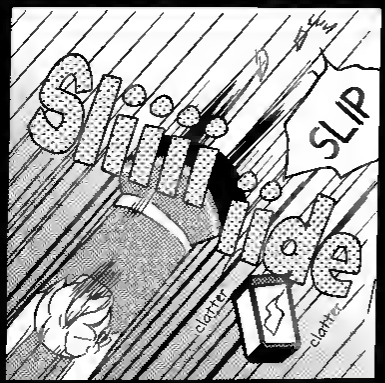
LET ME STAY BY YOUR SIDE.
I WANT YOU TO KEEP ME NEAR YOU.
THAT WAY, WE'RE EVEN FOR THE LAMP.

RUSTLE
DO I KEEP YOU BY MY SIDE?
dumbfounded
I'LL JUST LIVE IN YOUR SHADOW.
Live in my
Ah!
HOW
UMM MY NAME'S OREGANO.
AND YOURS?
RAVEN.
Wshhh.

I ENDED UP BECOMING ACQUAINTED WITH MR. SHADE
HE DISAP-PEARED..
LET ME STAY BY YOUR SIDE
blush
I'm sure he didn't mean anything by it..
IT'S LIKE HE SAID SOME BIG PICK-UP LINE AS IF IT WERE NOTHING ..
I ABSOLUTE-LY DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINK-ING, BUT..
BIG BROTHER, GOOD MORNING.

A heart-thumping development?!

LLLL



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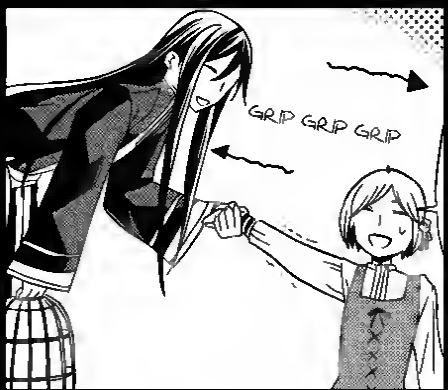

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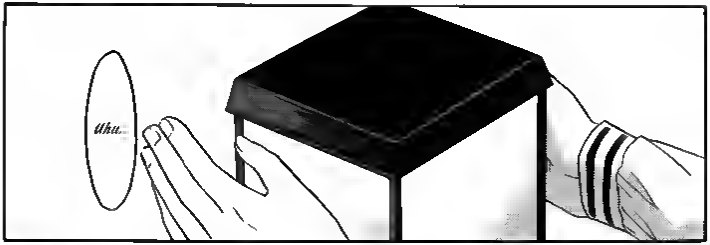
第二話
Second Chapter
もう傍から離れられないぃ?
He can't leave my side anymore...?
中田
NAKATA

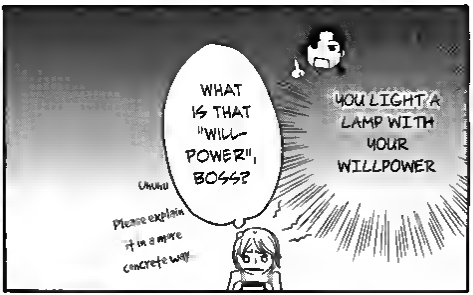
第2話 Light
Second Chapter

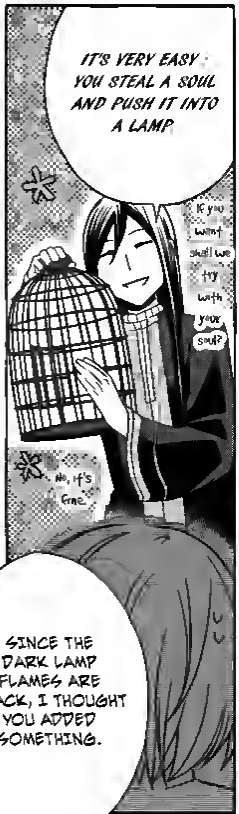
ランプの光が溢れる街にやって来た少女・オレガノ。街の人達、人の想念光の「結晶のランプ」を手に光を灯す職業の者達を憧れ、自「光のランプ」を持ってこの街に来たのだが、思い描いていた街とは違い、職人・レイヴンに弟子入りを断られてしまう。しかしレイヴンはオレガノの為に光を灯す…!?

BONK
I GOT TOO EXCITED AND HIT MY BROTHER.
Heave Ho!
She wanted to hit here.
WHAM
IT'S NOT GOING AS WELL AS EXPECTED
I HIT MY FINGER WITH THE HAMMER.
BAM
WELL, IT'S DIFFICULT FOR A GIRL...
You need strength since it's manual labor.
BONK
SLIP
WHEN I REACHED THE STRENGTH LIMIT OF MY WRISTS, I HURT THE BOSS.
THE NEXT DAY MUSCULAR PAIN
CORPSE
STAGGER
WAH!
IT WASN'T SOME EASY JOB WHERE ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE SOME FLAMES ...
pull
IN THE MIDDLE OF CLEANING THE WAREHOUSE
DEPRESSED
Sigh
I WAS COMPLETELY USELESS...

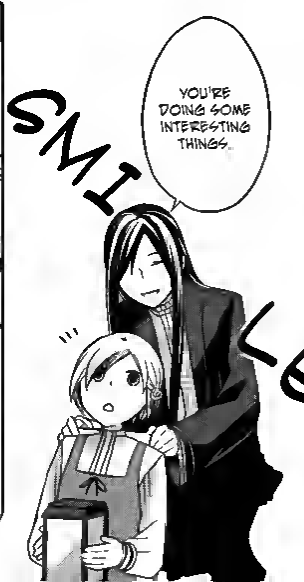
RAVEN IS ALSO LOOKING AFTER ME, BUT
YOU'RE A REAL DOPE, AREN'T YOU...?
RAVEN... INSTEAD OF JUST WATCHING, HELP ME...
HUH-
OUCH
SLAM
YOU AGAIN ?!
MESS!
I'M SORRY
He hid
MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM IS A SECRET FROM THE OTHERS


Uhu...


YOU LIGHT A LAMP WITH YOUR WILLPOWER
WHAT IS THAT "WILL-POWER", BOSS?
Uhuhu
Please explain it in a more concrete way


IT'S VERY EASY : YOU STEAL A SOUL AND PUSH IT INTO A LAMP
If you want, shall we try with your soul?
No, it's fine.

NO FLAME IS COMING OUT.
ISN'T IT FINE EVEN IF IT DOESN'T COME OUT?
I'm weak against these flames after all.
ISN'T THE PROCESS TO MAKE THEM THE SAME WITH A SOUL? CAN'T YOU GIVE ME SOME PIECE OF ADVICE?


SMILE
YOU'RE DOING SOME INTERESTING THINGS.

SINCE THE DARK LAMP FLAMES ARE BLACK, I THOUGHT YOU ADDED SOMETHING.

THE DARK LAMPS ARE SPIRIT LAMPS THAT ONLY WE CAN USE.
HOW SIMPLE...
IN OTHER WORDS, THE LAMPS ARE PURPOSE-FULLY MADE DRAB.
IF THERE WAS A DAZZLING LIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
Like this.
I'D SHADE MY EYES WITH MY HAND. IF IT WAS A LAMP, I'D COVER IT WITH A CLOTH.
?
INSTEAD OF USING OUR HANDS OR A CLOTH, THE FLAME IS DARK.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE DAZZLING FLAMES, THEN WOULDN'T ANYTHING BE FINE?
Like fire or something such?
IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING WORKS.

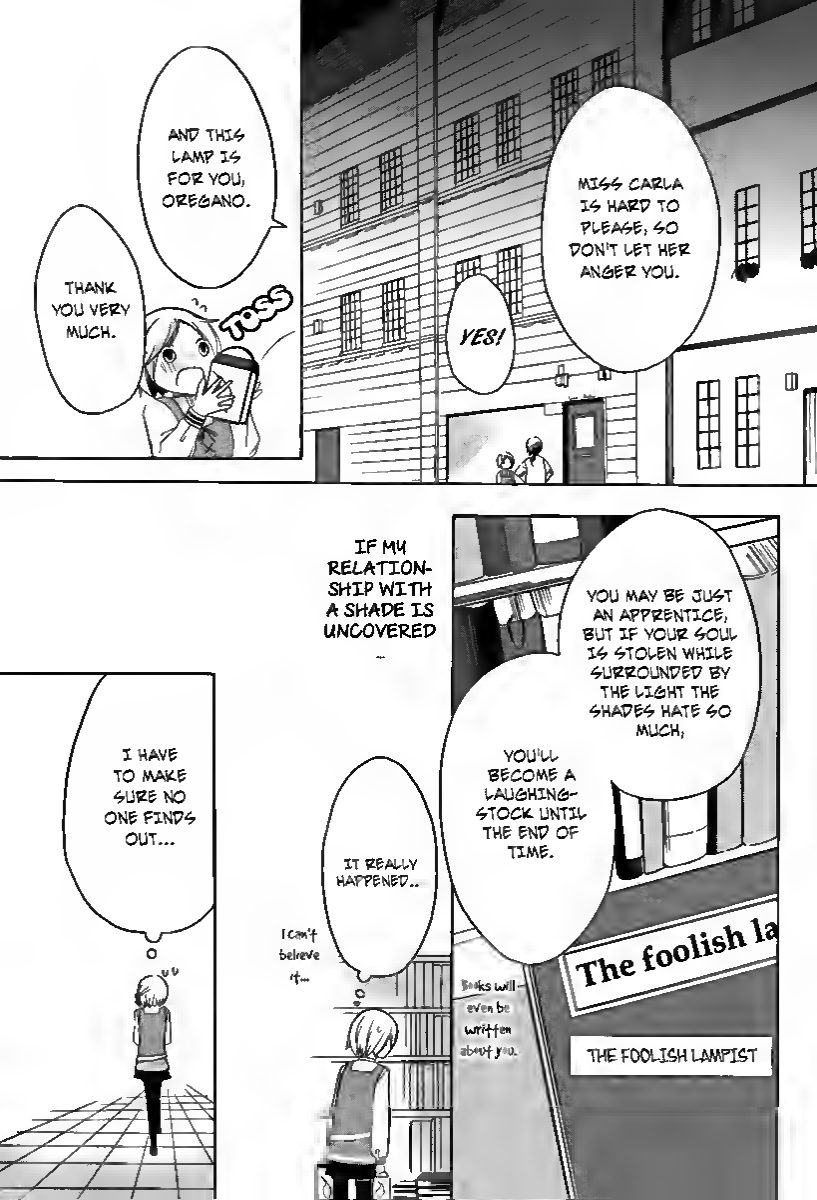
IT HAS TO BE A LAMP MADE WITH A HUMAN SOUL.
That's really specific.
A FLAME THAT'S NOT DAZZLING HMM...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,

WHY ARE LAMPS NECESSARY FOR SHADES?
spark
AH!
SHINE
!!
BUT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE WEAK AGAINST BRIGHT LIGHTS,
I'M SORRY.
I was surprised too.
IT'S DAZZ-LING!
DISTANCE
RAVEN, COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE A WEIRDO?
Should you say that to someone's face?
Shades can't stand the kind of brightness that can pierce your body.
MOST SHADES WOULD RUN AWAY.
YOU SEEM FINE BASKING IN THE SUN IN A PLACE LIKE THIS. WHY IS THAT?

LIGHT.
I WAS BORN FROM THE DARKNESS, AND
I WONDER IF I AM.
SINCE I LIKE BRIGHT LIGHTS.
THE FIRST THING
I LAID MY EYES UPON WAS
I LIKE THEM BUT

MY INSTINCTIVE FEAR OF BEING WIPED OUT BY THE LIGHT IS THE SAME AS THE OTHER SHADES.
He went to a corner further away.
HE LOOKS PITIFUL.
BUT ALSO KIND OF
CUTE...
RUB
RUB
SMILE
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
REACH OUT

OPEN
OREGANO, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO-
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT WEIRD POSE?
IT'S NOTHING!!
I WANT YOU TO GO DELIVER A LAMP TO A CUSTOMER
AND RUN AN ERRAND TOO
YES
I WAS ABOUT TO BE KISSED
HAW AWA
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S THINKING.
ARE YOU LISTENING, OREGANO?
Ye-
?
YES!


AND THIS LAMP IS FOR YOU, OREGANO.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
TOSS
MISS CARLA IS HARD TO PLEASE, SO DON'T LET HER ANGER YOU.
YES!
IF MY RELATION-SHIP WITH A SHADE IS UNCOVERED ...
YOU MAY BE JUST AN APPRENTICE, BUT IF YOUR SOUL IS STOLEN WHILE SURROUNDED BY THE LIGHT THE SHADES HATE SO MUCH,
YOU'LL BECOME A LAUGHING-STOCK UNTIL THE END OF TIME.
The foolish la
THE FOOLISH LAMPIST
Books will even be written about you.
IT REALLY HAPPENED..
I can't believe it...
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE NO ONE FINDS OUT...

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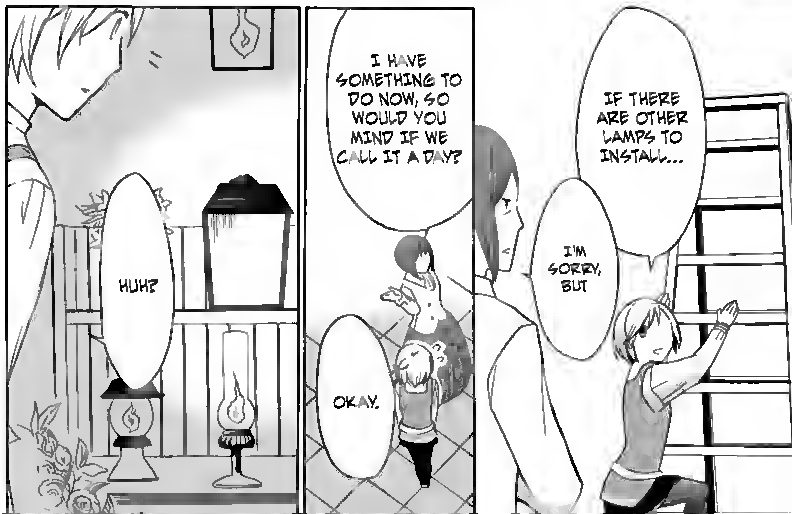
FOR GOODIES FROM YOUR FAVORITE SHOUJO SERIES



IS IT ALL RIGHT NOT TO LIGHT THIS LAMP?
STARTLE
...?
THAT...
THAT LAMP IS FINE.
YOU DON'T NEED TO LIGHT IT...

APP
EAR
THERE MUST BE SOME REASON.
WAH!
I WONDER WHAT IT WAS...
PLOD
PLOD
SMILE
I TOLD YOU I WON'T DO ANYTHING AGAIN.
SMILE
RAVEN ...
UGH
RA-
IT COULD BECOME A HABIT.
YOU FORGOT SOME-THING!
IT'S FINE!
HER REACTION IS FUNNY...
OR DID YOU WANT ME TO?

YOUR LAMP!
IT'S CLOSE BY, IT'LL BE FINE!
HEY RAVEN. COME HERE!
tup tup tup
TAKE IT WITH YOU!
WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
It's this way!

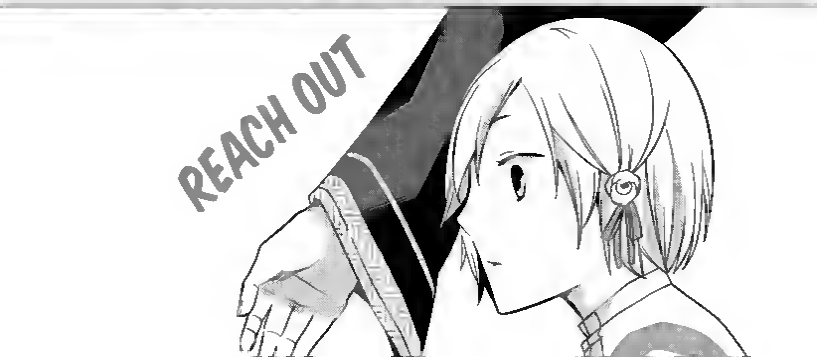
They do it every year.
IT'S THE SOULS' REPOSE FESTIVAL.
THEY OFFER PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE WHOSE SOULS WERE STOLEN BY SHADES

PRAYERS...
I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND.
THINKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO AREN'T HERE WON'T BRING THEM BACK, RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH MY PARENTS DIED,

I KEPT WAITING IN FRONT OF THE GATES FOR THEM TO RETURN
I WAITED FOR HOURS UNTIL MY BROTHER CAME WITH AN ANGRY LOOK ON HIS FACE
BECAUSE I BELIEVED THEY WOULD COME BACK
EVEN IF YOU KNOW THEY'RE NOT HERE ANYMORE, YOU STILL WANT TO SEE THEM.
IN HAPPY AND SAD TIMES, WHEN PEOPLE WHO WERE ALWAYS WITH YOU

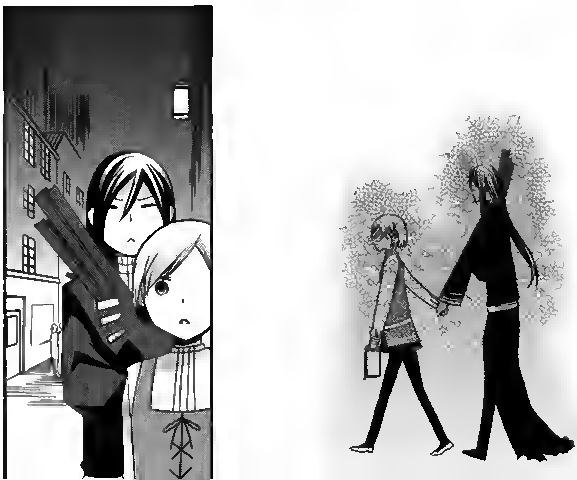
AREN'T BY YOUR SIDE ANYMORE, IT'S LONELY.
I DON'T GET IT.
OF COURSE YOU DON'T...

AHAHAHA, I'M LISTENING.
AHH. THAT'S RIGHT. THE BOSS ASKED ME TO RUN AN ERRAND.
HERE ARE SOME IRON SCRAPS WE DON'T NEED ANYMORE.
TOSS
HOW... HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CARRY THESE...?
SHAKE
SHAKE


REACH OUT

IT LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, SO I'LL CARRY THESE FOR YOU.
RAVEN?
AND THEY WOULDN'T THINK A SHADE COULD BE SEEN IN SUCH A BRIGHT PLACE, RIGHT?
HUMANS DON'T KNOW WHAT SHADES LOOK LIKE.
IS IT ALL RIGHT TO SHOW YOURSELF ON A CROWDED STREET?
EVEN THOUGH HE'S WEAK AGAINST IT, HE STILL WENT OUTSIDE FOR ME.
SQUEEZE
AS LONG AS I DON'T LOOK, I'LL BE FINE.
AH, HE'S CLOSING HIS EYES...
BUT LIGHT...

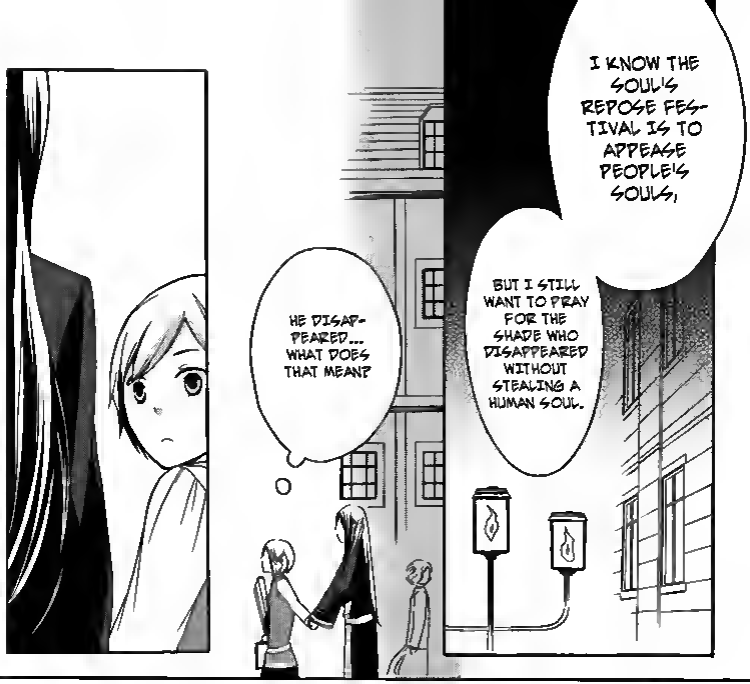
IT'S A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT FROM KINDNESS
I CAN'T SEE, SO LET ME HOLD YOUR HAND.


I REALLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S THINKING

THAT WOMAN... IT'S MISS CARLA...
SO THE "THING" SHE HAD TO DO INVOLVES THE SOUL'S REPOSE FESTIVAL
YOU
YOU'RE FROM THE LAMP SHOP...
OH, HELLO!
UMM
I don't want to bother you...
AH...
SO YOUR COMPANION IS A SHADE?
EH!?
AHH, NO... THIS...
PANIC
I, TOO, WAS ACQUAINTED WITH A SHADE, SO I UNDERSTAND.
IT'S FINE. YOU DON'T NEED TO HIDE IT.
CHUCKLE
RUSTLE
PANIC

WHAT ...?
WELL, IT'S AN OLD STORY...
...
I THINK HE MIGHT HAVE COME TO STEAL MY SOUL, BUT
HE LEFT WITHOUT STEALING IT. INSTEAD WE JUST TALKED
EVERY NIGHT UNDER THE COVER OF THE DARKNESS, HE WOULD LET ME HEAR PLENTY OF STORIES.
AT THAT TIME, I WAS SICKLY, SO I LOOKED FORWARD TO HIS STORIES.
I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU,

HE VANISHED.
WHAT ....?
BECAUSE I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.
AND WHAT OF THE SHADE...?
IT'S AN OLD LOVE,
BUT I'M STILL ALWAYS LONELY.
IF ONLY I COULD HAVE GRANTED IT, I WANTED TO BECOME HIS LAMP.


I KNOW THE SOUL'S REPOSE FESTIVAL IS TO APPEASE PEOPLE'S SOULS,
BUT I STILL WANT TO PRAY FOR THE SHADE WHO DISAPPEARED WITHOUT STEALING A HUMAN SOUL.
HE DISAPPEARED... WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

I'LL GO TALK TO MISS CARLA ONCE MORE.
EH?
CARRY THESE FOR NOW!
OREGANO .....
UWAH!
TOPTOP
THROW

RATTLE
THIS GIRL? IS SHE STUPID?
TUP TUP
I WONDER IF RAVEN COULD END UP DISAP-PEARING TOO...
AH!
I GAVE HIM THE LAMP TOO!
RUSTLE
NOT GOOD ...
SLOWLY
RA...

SUDDENLY
DON'T TOUCH MY PREY, OKAY?
GRIP
GRIP

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
YOU MUSTN'T GO OFF BY YOURSELF...
RA... RAVEN... THE SHADE ...
!
CRUMBLE
CRAWL
THUD
AH!
MELTING
THIS SHADE IS GOING TO DISAPPEAR

HE DISAP-PEARED ...
HE MELTED INTO THE DARKNESS.
I BET HE COULDN'T GET HIS HANDS ON A LAMP'S LIGHT.
A LAMP...!?
Oh, my mind is turning red.
RAVEN...WHY DO SHADES DISAPPEAR?

WE CAN'T EXIST UNLESS WE HAVE A DARK LAMP.
WE ARE BEINGS BORN FROM THE DARKNESS,
BUT IF OUR ESSENCE IS TOO CLOSE TO IT, AS TIME PASSES, WE BEGIN TO ASSIMILATE WITH THE DARKNESS.
WHOOSH
WHAT!?
WE, TOO, CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT OUR LIGHTS.

WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?
DRIP
DROP
I...YOUR LAMP...
AH, BUT FOR NOW I HAVE YOU SO,
I'M FI...
GRAB

I DON'T WANT YOU TO DISAPPEAR.
I DON'T WANT ANY MORE PEOPLE AROUND ME TO VANISH.

REACH OUT
I WON'T DISA-PPEAR,
BECAUSE YOU ARE HERE.
I WILL STAY BY YOUR SIDE
UNTIL I TAKE YOUR SOUL.

WITH THIS MANY IRON SCRAPS, IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU FAIL DURING TRAINING, OREGANO.
LAMP
THIS IS FOR ME.
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE AT LEAST ONE PART OF A LAMP.
Like a handle...
BOSS!
HUG
Get to work, you two!
DID SOMEONE HELP HER ?
HOW DID SHE CARRY THAT MUCH IRON ON HER OWN?
OUCH ...
THROB
THROB

CREAK
OREGANO .....
MY HANDS HURT...
YOU DID PUT A LOT OF WILLPOWER INTO THE HAMMER.
THROB
THROB
Oh my...
CHATTER
IT'S THE SAME WITH THE FLAME. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE LAMPS.
OH NO!
ARE THEY SUDDENLY IN A PINCH?
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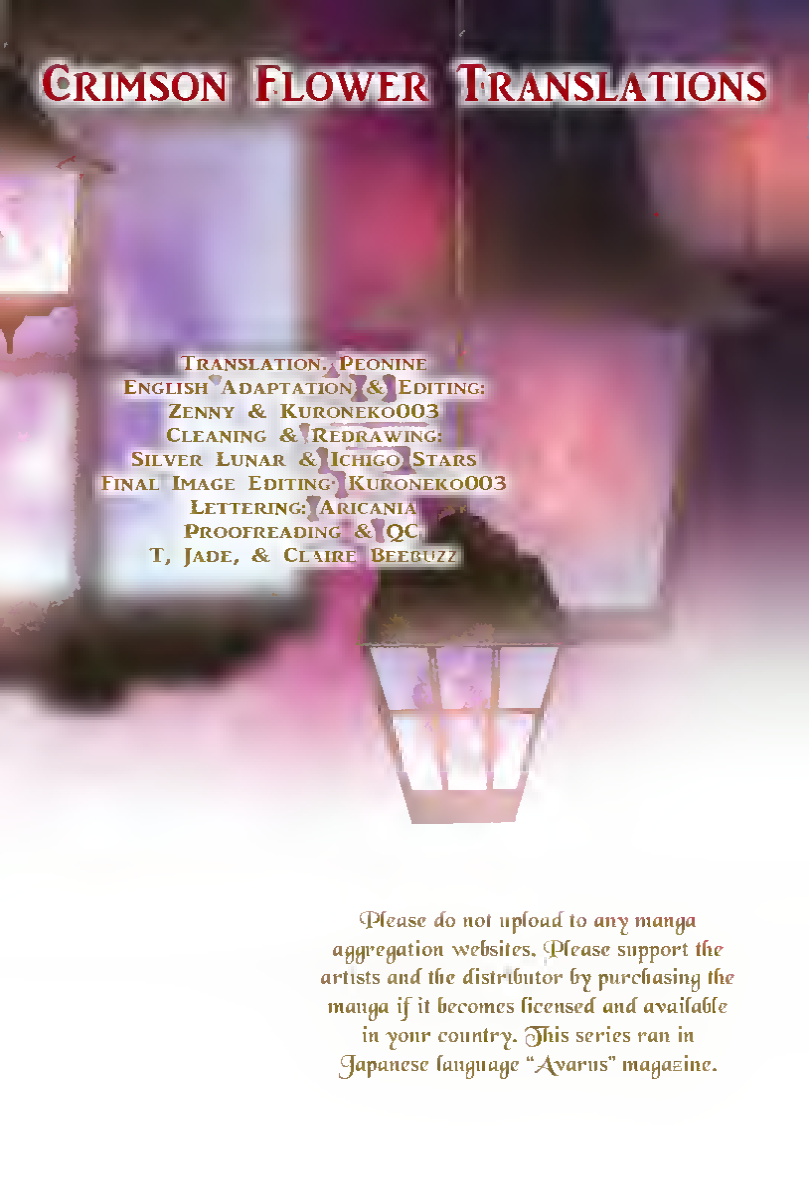

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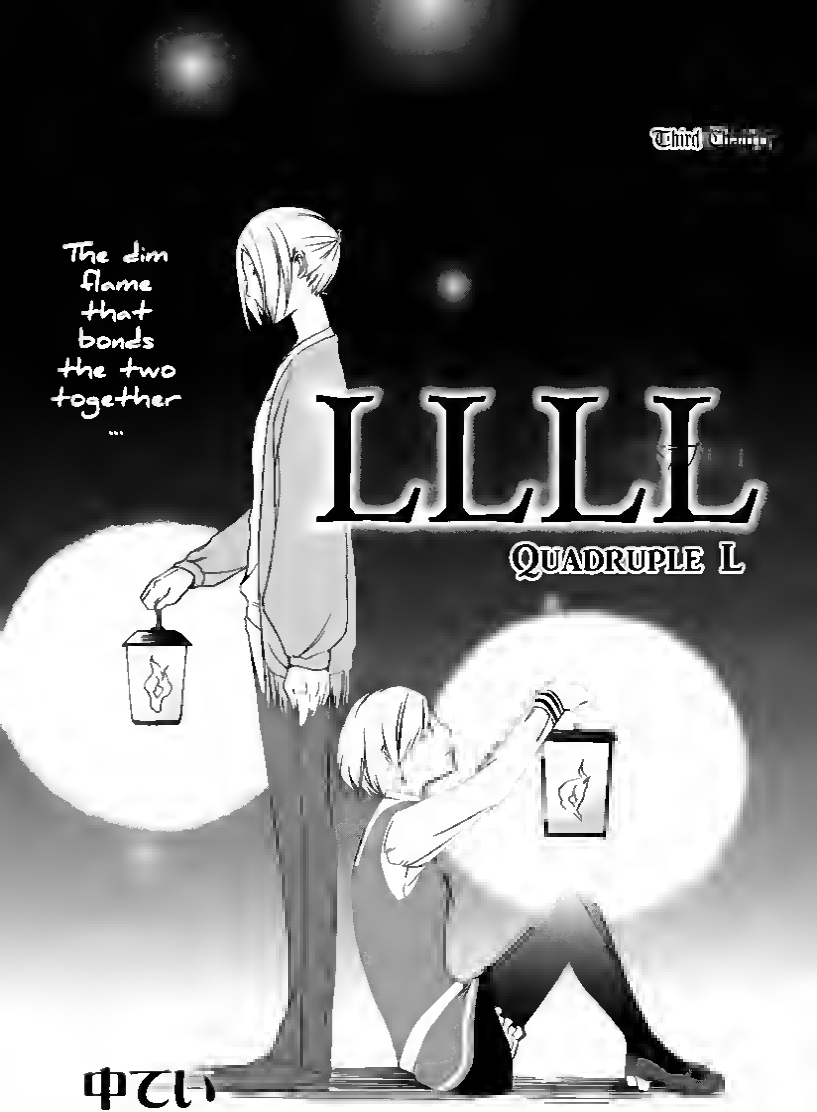

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第3話 Life

Third Diary

YOU...
UMM, THIS IS...
I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT, SO CAN I TAKE HIS SOUL?
To shut him up
YOU MUSTN'T!
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YOU'RE A SHADE, AREN'T YOU?
GLOW
FWASH
GO AWAY!
FLOOSH
FLOOSH
FLOOSH
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
"LLLL" IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT YOU FAVORITE JAPANESE BOOK RETAILER.
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...UGH!
DIZZY
BIG BROTHER!
SWIP
FSSSH
RAVEN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?
sigh
WHY ARE YOU SIDING WITH A SHADE?

BUT RAVEN IS...
AS IF THERE ARE GOOD AND BAD SHADES...!
IF THE FACT THAT ONE OF OUR LAMPISTS BECAME FRIENDS WITH A SHADE IS DISCOVERED,
THE REPUTATION OF THE LAMP SHOP WILL GO DOWN!
...UH!
YOU'RE CAUSING TROUBLE HERE.
DON'T COME HOME UNTIL AFTER YOU'VE DEALT WITH HIM.
SLAM

YOUR BROTHER GOT ANGRY DIDN'T HE?
I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THAT...
FWUMP
DO YOU WANT TO STOP ACTING FRIENDLY TOWARD ME?
.....
THIS AND THAT ARE SEPARATE MATTERS.
SMILE
I see.

I'M THE ONE WHO RUINED YOUR PRECIOUS LAMPS.
EVEN IF YOU SAID HAVING YOU BY MY SIDE MAKES US EVEN, I STILL HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
BUT STILL, I DON'T WANT TO LET YOU STEAL MY SOUL.
NOR DO I WANT YOU TO TAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S SOUL AS A REPLACEMENT.
AREN'T YOU SELFISH?
GRR...
IF SOMEONE DISAPPEARED,
BUT OUT OF THE OPTIONS I HAVE NOW, NO MATTER WHICH ONE I CHOOSE,
I'LL STILL REGRET IT LATER.
I'D HATE THAT.
WELL, IT'S FINE IF YOU DO AS YOU WISH.
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
"DON'T COME HOME UNTIL AFTER YOU'VE DEALT WITH HIM."
I REAPED WHAT I SOWED

BUT
?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
LAMP
HMM,
I WON'T PRAISE YOU.
BECOMING FRIENDS WITH A SHADE...

I'M SORRY... I'VE BESMIRCHED YOUR NAME, BOSS...
PAT
I THINK THE WAY I DO BECAUSE I'M FROM THIS TOWN,
SO I KNOW HOW SCARY SHADES CAN BE.
IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M A LAMPIST,
RATHER IT'S BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
GLOOM
I'M SORRY...
WELL, YOU'VE TOLD ME HONESTLY ABOUT IT AND APOLOGIZED. THAT'S ONE OF YOUR GOOD POINTS, OREGANO.
I WAS SURPRISED WHEN YOU CAME BOWING DOWN FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.
RATTLE
BOSS, I'M SO SORRY!!
HUH !?
PLEASE TEACH ME

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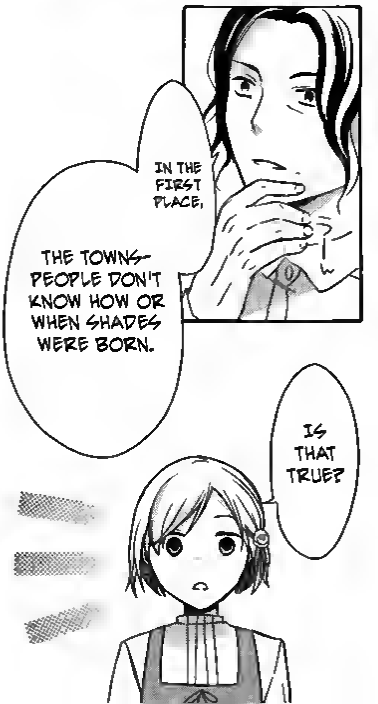
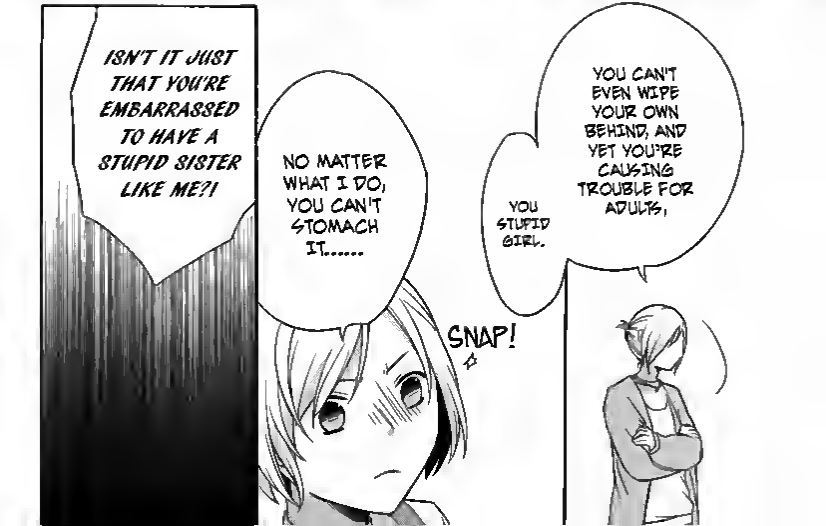
THE WAY TO KEEP A SHADE ALIVE EVEN WITHOUT A DARK LAMP.
...Oregano, you're really... Well... it doesn't matter.
I'm sorry...
SORRY, BUT I DON'T KNOW.
IS THAT SO...

WHEN THE TOWN WAS FIRST BUILT, IT SEEMS IT WAS A SERENE, SHADE-LESS TOWN.
BUT WITHOUT PEOPLE KNOWING IT, THE SHADES SETTLED HERE AND IT BECAME A DARK TOWN SEARCHING FOR LIGHT.

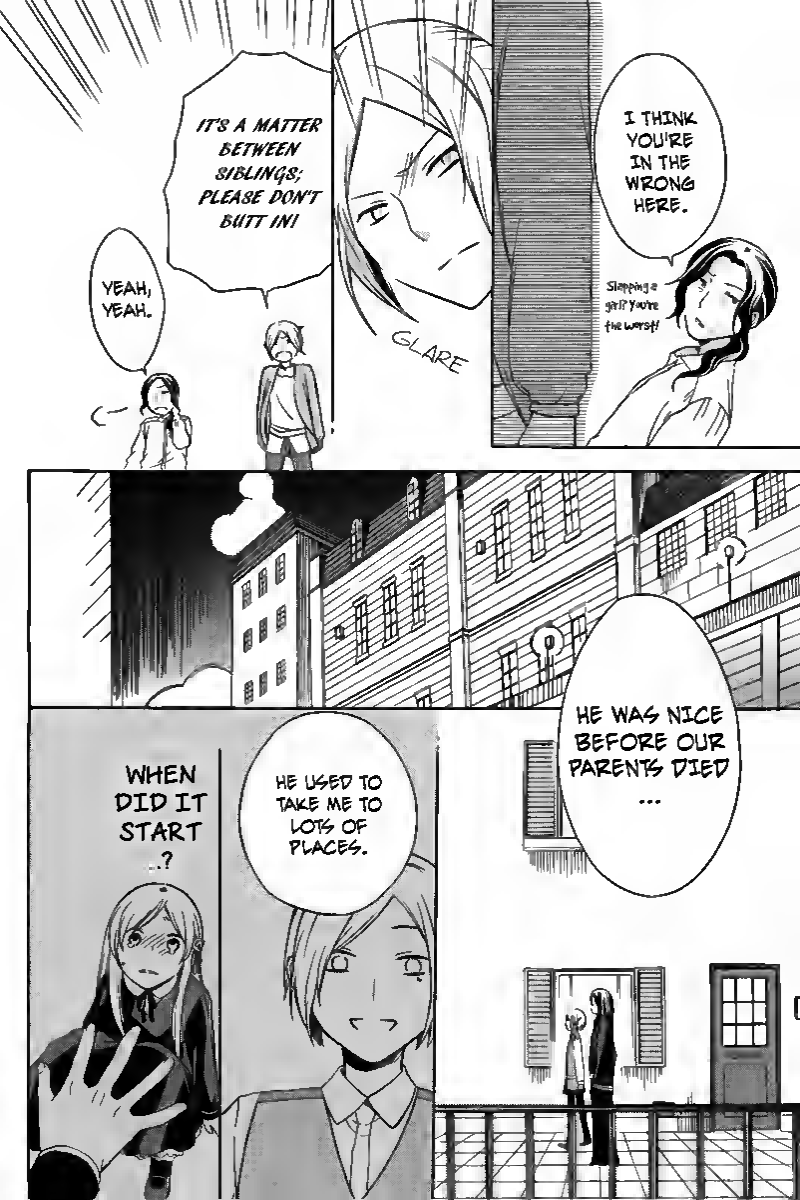


WHEN YOU CAME HERE, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SURPRISED, RIGHT? BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A STRANGE TOWN.
I WAS SURPRISED THAT BUILDINGS WERE BUILT ON TOP OF OTHER BUILDINGS.
RIGHT? BUT PEOPLE LIVE ONLY IN THE TOP BUILDINGS WHERE THERE'S SUNLIGHT.
IT'S BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN BUILDING UPWARDS.
THE BOTTOM ISN'T A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE. THE OLD TOWN BECAME RUINS A LONG TIME AGO AND IS NOW THE WORLD OF THE DARKNESS.
THE WORLD OF THE DARKNESS
MAYBE THE SHADES ARE BORN FROM THERE.
KACHAK
BOSS?

TUP...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME HOME UNTIL AFTER YOU HAD DEALT WITH THAT SHADE.
.....YOU NEVER SAID NOT TO COME TO THE LAMP SHOP.
DID YOU COME IN TEARS TO BEG TO THE BOSS?
.....


YOU CAN'T EVEN WIPE YOUR OWN BEHIND, AND YET YOU'RE CAUSING TROUBLE FOR ADULTS,
YOU STUPID GIRL.
SNAP!
NO MATTER WHAT I DO, YOU CAN'T STOMACH IT.....
ISN'T IT JUST THAT YOU'RE EMBARRASSED TO HAVE A STUPID SISTER LIKE ME?!

SLAP
STARTLED
UH!
SILENCE
DASH
OREGANO!


I THINK YOU'RE IN THE WRONG HERE.
Slapping a girl? You're the worst!
IT'S A MATTER BETWEEN SIBLINGS; PLEASE DON'T BUTT IN!
YEAH, YEAH.
GLARE
HE WAS NICE BEFORE OUR PARENTS DIED ...
HE USED TO TAKE ME TO LOTS OF PLACES.
WHEN DID IT START ..?

WHAT WAS THE TRIGGER?
I DON'T HAVE ANY SIBLINGS, SO I CAN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND.
SHADES DON'T HAVE ANY SIBLINGS OR PARENTS?
NO, WE DON'T. WE'RE ALWAYS ALL ALONE.
OH!
WE'RE BORN SUDDENLY FROM THE DEEP DARKNESS.
THE MOMENT I WAS BORN, I UNDERSTOOD WHAT KIND OF CREATURE I WAS.

IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE LONELY.
THERE IS NO SOUND AND NO LIGHT
THERE REALLY IS NOTHING INSIDE THE DARKNESS.
ONLY I EXIST
IN THE NOTHING-NESS
AHH,
THIS MAY BE WHY WE'RE SEEKING THE LIGHT.
I WANT TO DO SOME-THING.

.....
FLUTTER
I have to let the boss know.
THAT LAMP'S LIGHT IS OUT.
Some laundry fell on it?
OH, THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED
HMM?
IF YOU COVER A LAMP OF THE LIGHT WITH A CLOTH, WOULDN'T IT BE A REPLACEMENT FOR A DARK LAMP?
Why are you asking so suddenly?
But I can't use a person's soul.
BEFORE, YOU SAID A DARK LAMP'S LIGHT IS A "FLAME THAT'S NOT BRIGHT".
AH!

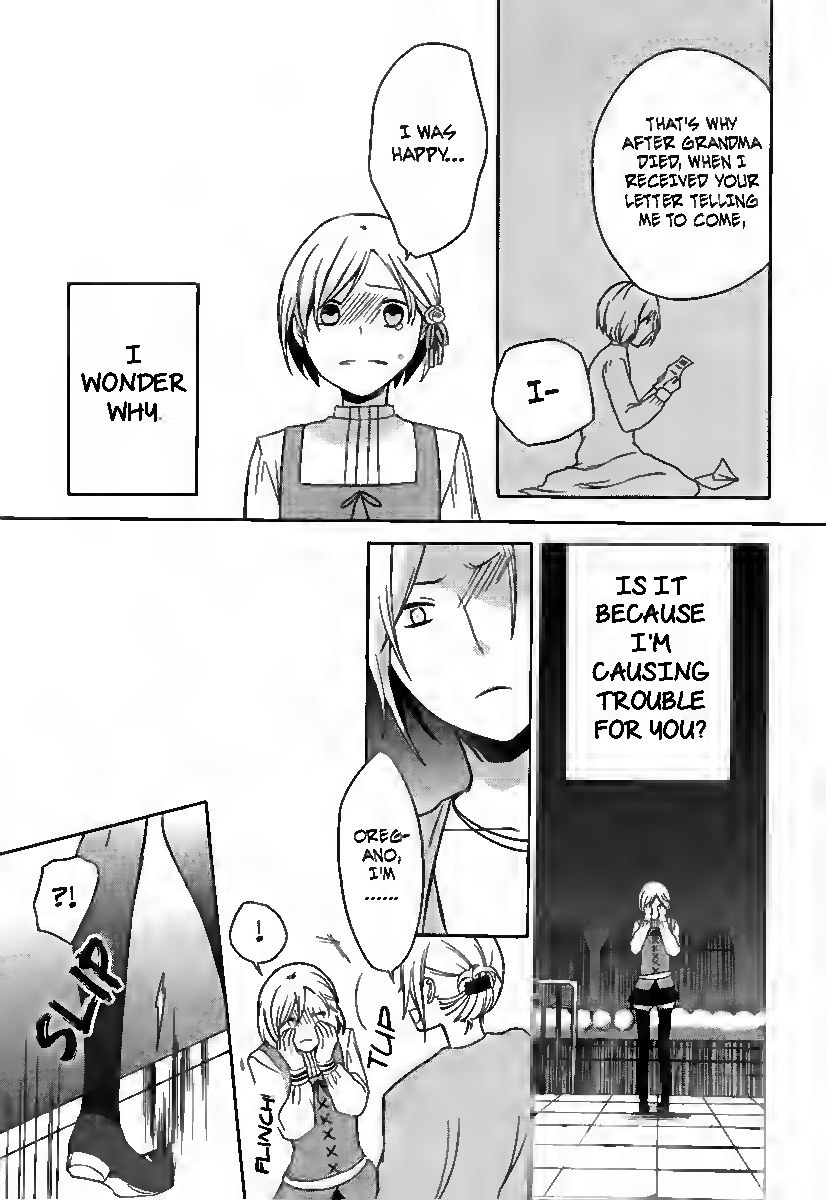
HUU-UUH ...?
LET'S TRY IT!
GRAB
IT'S NO GOOD?
I thought it'd be all right.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE?
SHOO SHOO
Such a simple...
A CLOTH ON A LAMP OF THE LIGHT...
BUT I'M NEVER BORED WITH YOU.
THE LAMPS OF THE LIGHT ARE ALSO MADE FROM HUMAN SOULS, SO MAYBE WITH SOME GLASS I COULD

STARE
WHEN YOU BECOME MY LAMP, I'LL SURELY SPEND SOME ENTERTAINING DAYS.
DON'T YOU THINK THE ME IN FLESH AND BLOOD WHO IS ABLE TO CHAT WITH YOU IS MUCH MORE LOVELY?
THAT'S TRUE... BUT
CHUCKLE
INDEED.

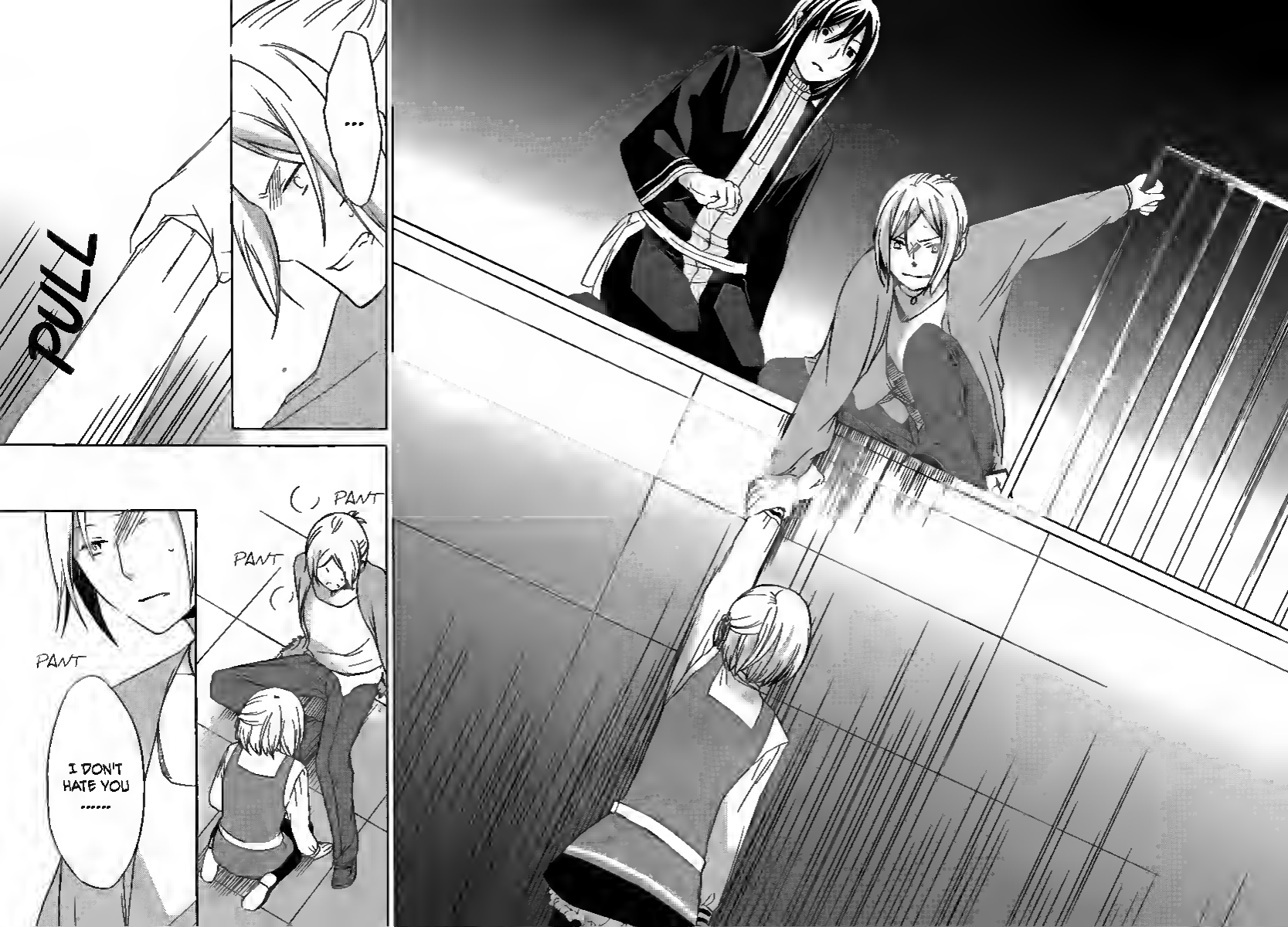
OREG-
ANO.
BIG
BROTHER.
THUD
SO YOU HA-
VEN'T
GOTTEN
AWAY FROM
HIM YET?

MY LUGGAGE .....
GET OUT OF THIS TOWN.
I'LL GIVE YOU ENOUGH MONEY TO GO BACK TO YOUR HOMETOWN.
WAIT! WHY ARE YOU...
HOW CAN I HAVE SOMEONE INVOLVED WITH A SHADE NEAR ME?
SIGH
I SHOULDN'T HAVE CALLED YOU TO THIS TOWN.
BIG BROTHER.

WHY DO YOU HATE ME SO MUCH?
I DON'T HATE-
YOU HATE ME!
YOU LEFT HOME BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE NEAR ME...
EVEN THOUGH I CRIED MANY TIMES "DON'T GO!"
NOT ONCE DID YOU LOOK BACK


I WONDER WHY.
I WAS HAPPY...
I-
THAT'S WHY AFTER GRANDMA DIED, WHEN I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER TELLING ME TO COME,
IS IT BECAUSE I'M CAUSING TROUBLE FOR YOU?
OREGANO, I'M .....
TUP
!
FLINCH
?!
SLIP

GRAB
I
DASH
OREGANO!
FOOSH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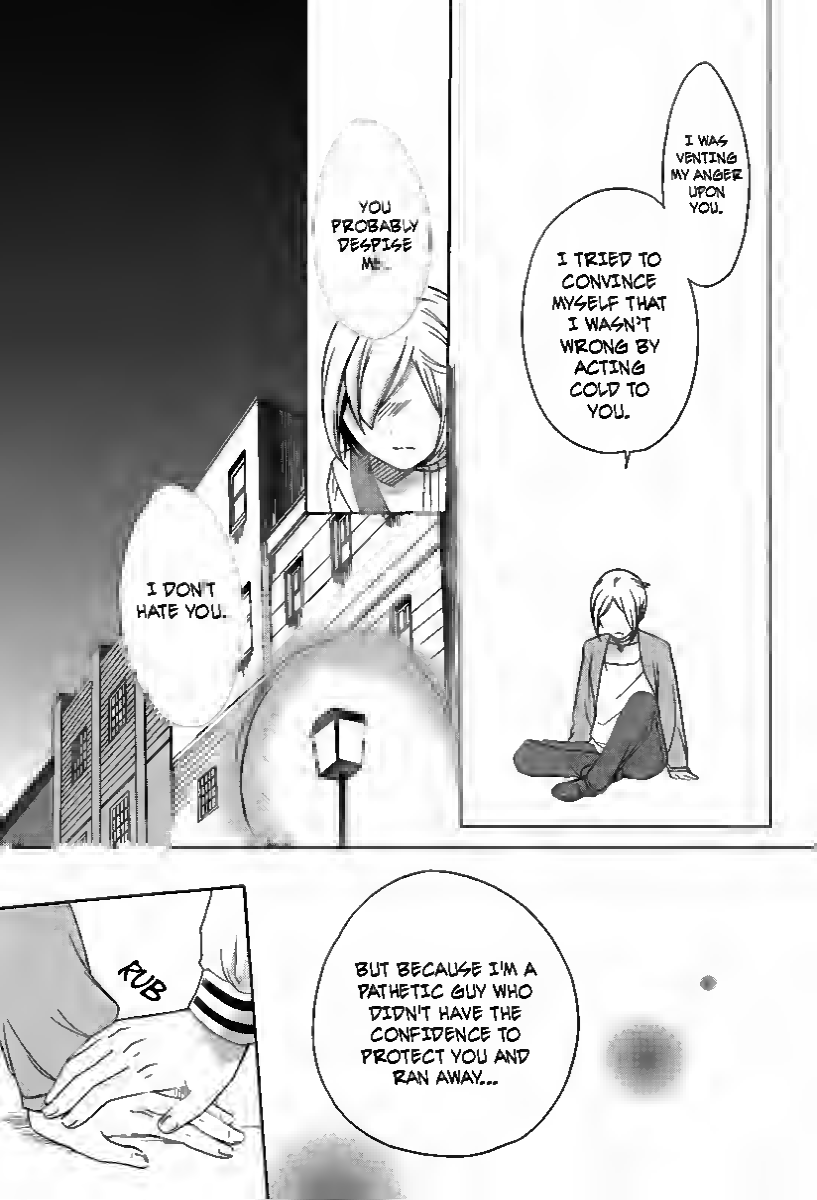
PULL
PANT
PANT
PANT
I DON'T HATE YOU ......

WHEN MOM AND DAD DIED IN THAT ACCIDENT,
I THOUGHT I HAD TO PROTECT YOU
IN THEIR PLACE.
BUT ...
WHEN I WONDERED WHETHER I COULD DO IT ON MY OWN, I GOT SCARED.
THUD
UWAH ...
Uwaaaah, Mommy...
I COULDN'T FORGIVE MYSELF


I WAS VENTING MY ANGER UPON YOU.
I TRIED TO CONVINCE MYSELF THAT I WASN'T WRONG BY ACTING COLD TO YOU.
YOU PROBABLY DESPISE ME...
I DON'T HATE YOU.
RUB
BUT BECAUSE I'M A PATHETIC GUY WHO DIDN'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO PROTECT YOU AND RAN AWAY...

YOU'RE MY ONLY BROTHER.
EVEN SO, BIG BROTHER IS STILL BIG BROTHER.....
...HIC...
...SOR...
RY
SQUEEZE

AS I THOUGHT,
IT'S NO GOOD IF I DON'T HAVE A DARK LAMP.
YEAH ...
YEAH ...
.....

AFTER ALL, I CAME WITHOUT FINISHING WHAT I WAS DOING.
The boss is going to get angry at me.
SHALL WE GO HOME?
YOU'RE COMING TOO... RIGHT?
BUT GET RID OF THAT SHADE...
YEAH .....!
THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE!
HUH ...?
RAVEN ...?
NEXT TIME: THE CONCLUSION
TO BE CONCLUDED

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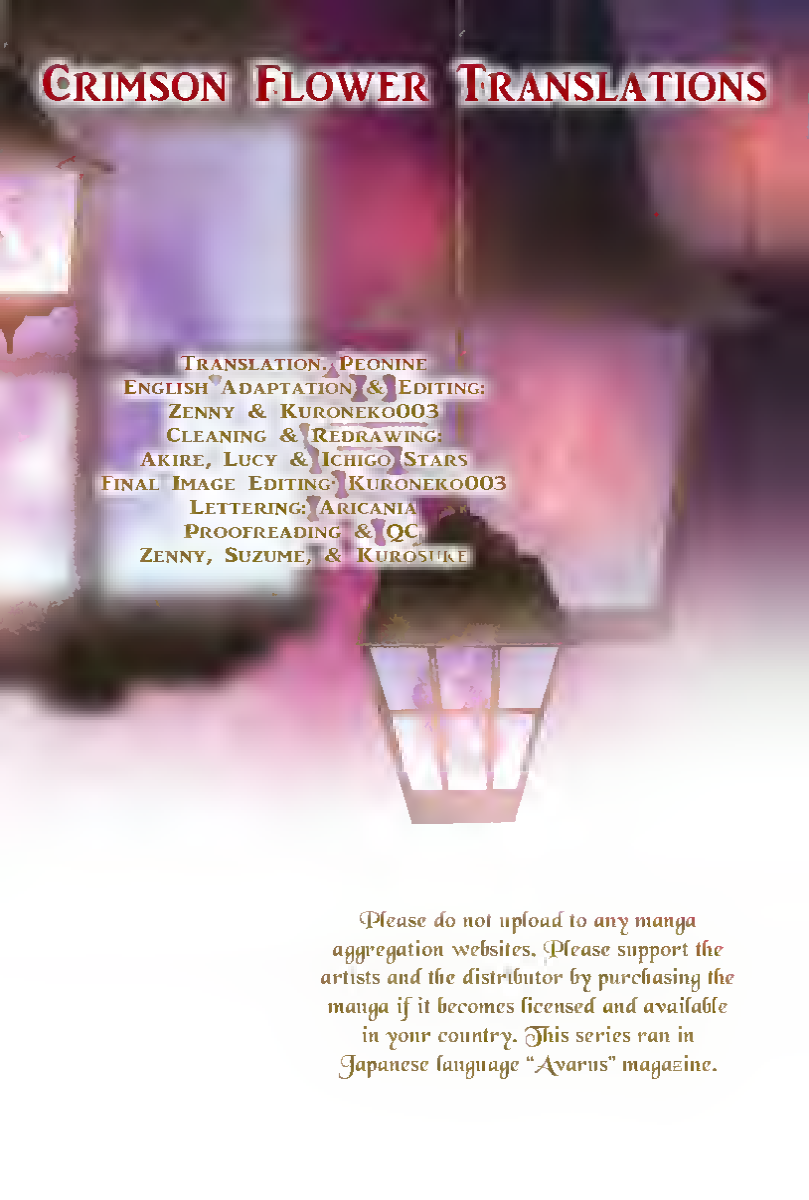

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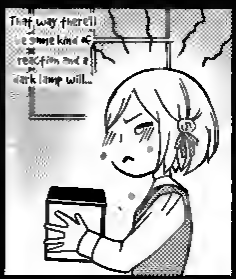

Where is the shadow that was always by my side?
OH NO, DID HE DISAPPEAR...?
I WONDER WHERE HE WENT...
GLANCE
GLANCE
SHAKE
SHAKE
I'M WORRIED.
SEVERAL DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE RAVEN LEFT.
CLANK
RAVEN!
RAVEN!

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Final Chapter
Love

BOSS, ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?
OH!
I'M BACK-
YEAH, I'M GOING TO A CLIENT'S FUNERAL SERVICE.
HUH...
I was thinking I should go also.
SOMEONE PASSED AWAY? I'LL GO GET READY...

TEN YEARS AGO, HIS SOUL WAS STOLEN, AND HE HAD BEEN IN A COMA EVER SINCE...
NO, HE WAS A REGULAR FROM A LONG TIME AGO, SO IT'S FINE IF I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO ATTENDS.
I'LL BE GOING THEN.
YES.
IF
PAT

I COULD MAKE A DARK LAMP...
HUH?
I KNOW THAT... ...
STOP TRYING TO GET INVOLVED WITH SHADES ALREADY.
CLANG CLANG
DON'T SAY THAT TO THE BOSS!
Not for someone who just lost an acquaint- ance.
ARE YOU STILL SEARCHING EVERYWHERE FOR HIM?
....

SIGH
YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF

LOSING,
PEOPLE DISAP-PEARING.
AND CRYING AGAIN
AND THEN LOSING
SITTING AND CRYING,
MY BAD ...
? WHAT?
DON'T GO!

WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING, BIG BROTHER?
IT'S NOT THAT I WANT
TO MAKE A DARK LAMP ONLY BECAUSE I'M PUTTING MYSELF IN THE SHADES' SHOES.
AS LONG AS WE HAVE DARK LAMPS, THE SHADES WON'T HAVE TO STEAL PEOPLE'S SOULS ANY-MORE, RIGHT?
GRIP
GRIP
AND THE TOWNS-PEOPLE'S LIVES WOULD BE SAVED AS WELL.

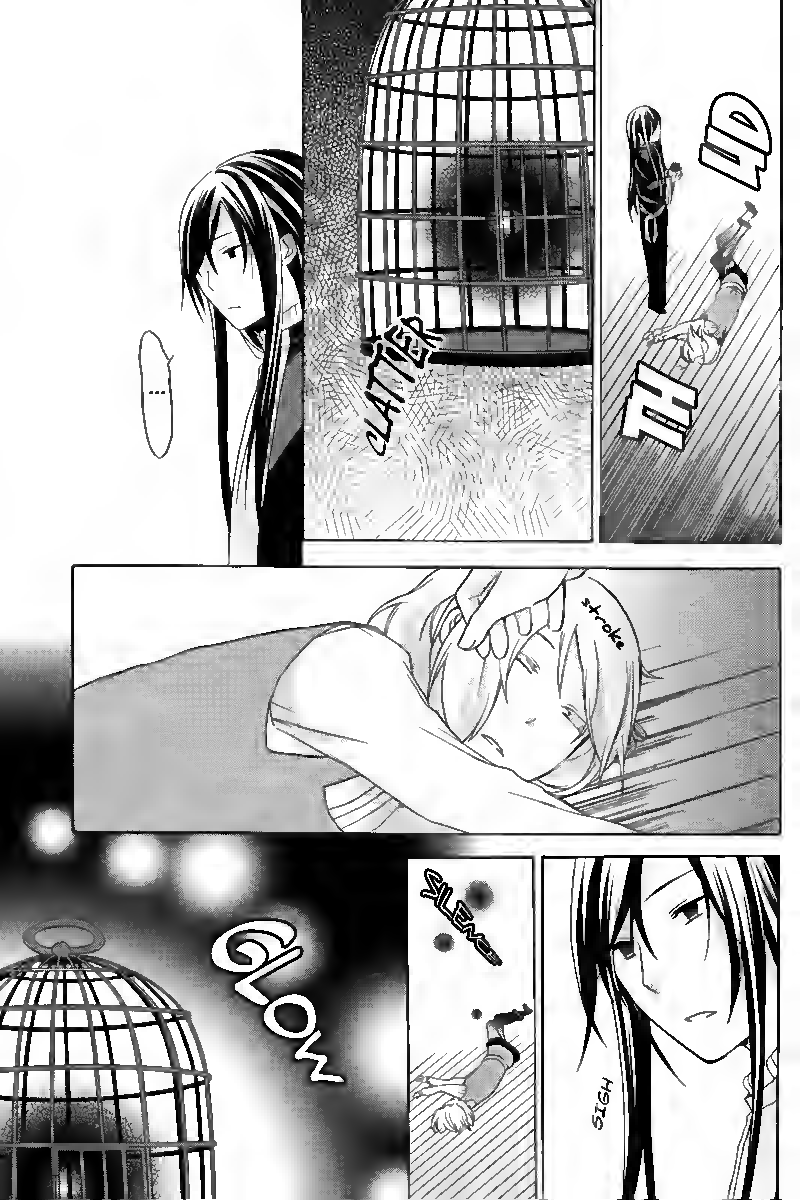
REACH OUT
SHOW ME YOUR DESIGN AND IDEA DRAFT.
BUT IF WE STAY QUIET ABOUT IT, NO ONE WILL FIND OUT.
DOWN
IF THERE ARE NONE, MAKE THEM NOW.
I'LL HELP YOU MAKE THE PROTO-TYPE.
WOULD IT GO THAT WELL?
THE MA-JORITY OF THIS TOWN HATES SHADES.
TRY SAYING YOU'RE MAKING DARK LAMPS,
AND YOU'LL HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN THE LAMP SHOP.

BUT I DON'T THINK A HUMAN COULD MAKE AN OBJECT SUITED FOR A SHADE.
WE HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED YET; DON'T SAY SUCH DISHEART-ENING THINGS!
...
YES ...!
YOU SUCK AT DRAWING
AT THE GLASSMAKER'S
Don't drop and break it
Amazing, black glass
CRACK
WRONG FIT. MORE OF YOUR BACK. INTO IT
YES!
WITH THIS, EVEN RAVEN WILL BE FINE...
CHUCKLE
CLATTER

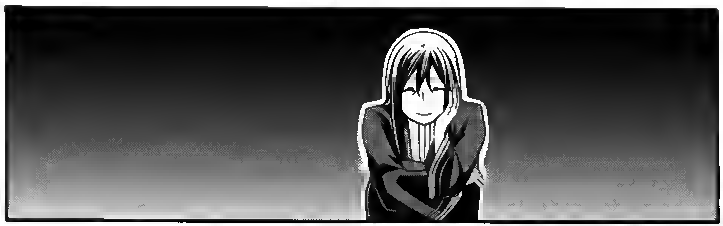
YO!
FLUTTER
RAVEN!
I'M GLAD ...I WAS WONDERING WHERE YOU WENT.
I'M SORRY.
WORN
OUT

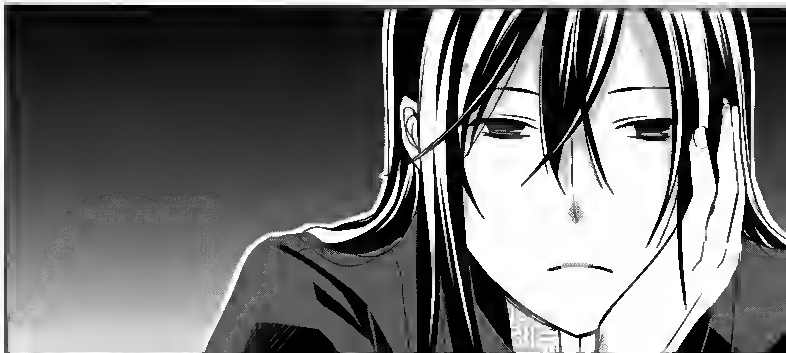
I DID A LITTLE THINK-ING.
?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT! I TRIED MAKING A DARK LAMP.
IF YOU DON'T MIND, CAN YOU TEST-
I DON'T NEED IT.
SLIP
CRACK
WHAT?

BECAUSE
I ALREADY HAVE YOUR SOUL
PULL
PULL


THUD
CLATTER
...
stroke
SIGH
SILENCE
GLOW

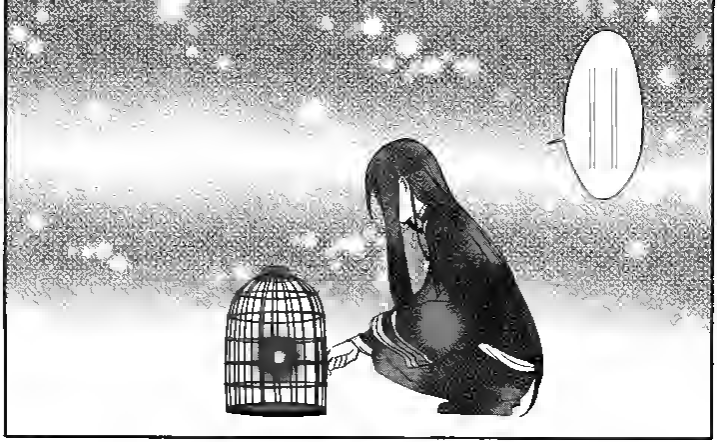
JUST AS I EXPECTED.
YOU'VE BECOME A BEAUTIFUL LAMP, OREGANO.
IN THIS BLEAK DARKNESS, I CAN SEE YOU SHINING SO EXCEPTIONALLY





SWIP
RAVEN.
GASP
THAT'S RIGHT .....
SLUMP
AH-
RAVEN

I AM
THE WORST ....
HUH ?_
I'M FLOAT-ING
WHERE AM I _?
RAVEN?



RAT TLE
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
RAVEN?

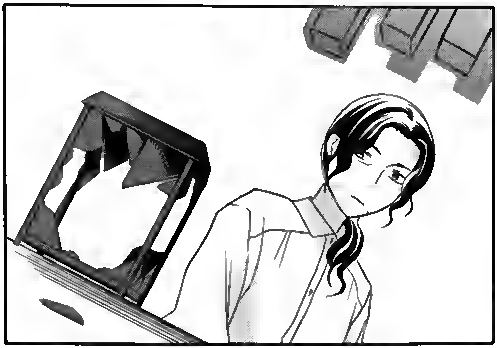
RAVEN...
...?
A DREAM
...?
WHEN DID I FALL ASLEEP ...?
AH!
THAT'S NOT IT

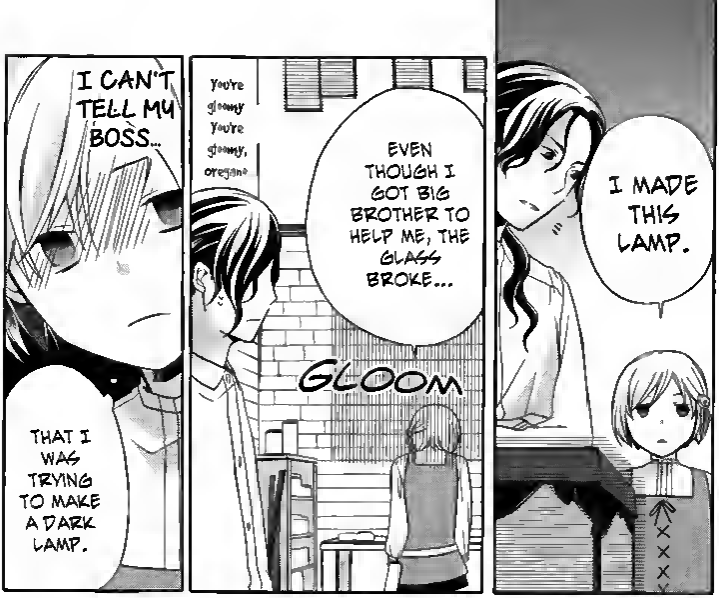
IT WASN'T A DREAM
THERE WAS NO REASON TO MAKE IT...
THE LAMP ...
HE'S NOT COMING BACK
RAVEN WON'T COME BACK ANYMORE.

DOESN'T OREGANO SEEM KIND OF DOWN?
SHE'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE THIS MORNING.
You said something to her again, didn't you?
I did not
In the middle of cleaning
gloom

He ran away
Coming!
Excuse me.

DID WE GET A REQUEST TO REPAIR THAT KIND OF LAMP...?
It looks crooked.

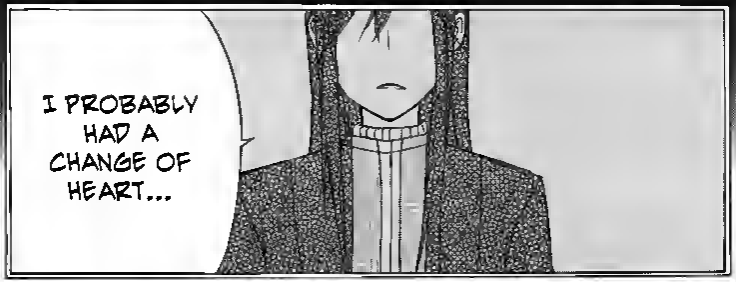



I CAN'T TELL MY BOSS...
THAT I WAS TRYING TO MAKE A DARK LAMP.
You're gloomy. You're gloomy, oregano
EVEN THOUGH I GOT BIG BROTHER TO HELP ME, THE GLASS BROKE...
GLOOM
I MADE THIS LAMP.

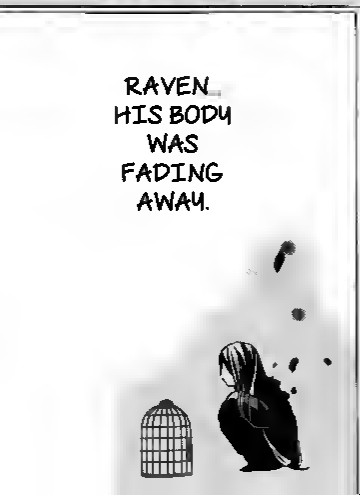
PULL
I'M CAUSING TROUBLE FOR MY BOSS AND BIG BROTHER
WHO WAS I TRYING TO SAVE...?

WHAT AM I DOING.....?
I'M SORRY, BOSS.
ABOUT WHAT?
I'M SORRY...
BLACK GLASS...
I SEE...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
I WON'T SAY ANYTHING NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF THINGS YOU MAKE, OREGANO.
Someone could get hurt, so I'll remove the remaining glass.
CRACK
CRACK
EVEN GINGER SOMETIMES MAKES STUFF OTHER THAN LAMPS FOR FUN.
crap!
I WAS FOUND OUT...
BUT

NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE SAY,
STOP DENYING YOURSELF FOR WANTING TO MAKE IT,
OR YOU'LL END UP NOT BEING ABLE TO MAKE ANYTHING GOOD.
YES.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
MY SOUL WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN, SO WHY AM I ALL RIGHT?


I PROBABLY HAD A CHANGE OF HEART...

I MEAN, YOU ARE
THIS MEMORY.
HUH?


RAVEN... HIS BODY WAS FADING AWAY.

AND YOU'RE AN IDIOT, AND A MORON, ...
DISAPPEARING
EASY TO FOOL,
AND IT'S FUNNY TO TEASE YOU,
YOU'RE ALSO AN AIRHEAD,

YOU'RE ALWAYS GIVING IT YOUR ALL, SO ...
CREAK
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS ABOUT TO DIS-APPEAR,
WHOOSH
FAREWELL, OREGANO.
WHY DID HE GIVE MY SOUL BACK?
CLENCH

DASH
BOSS, I'M GOING OUT!
I'LL GO SEE HIM.
I ENDED UP TAKING IT WITH ME.
THP
THP
WHERE ELSE -?
STEP
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR RAVEN FOR A FEW DAYS.
IT'S NO GOOD. I'D MEET OTHER SHADES.
WHERE DO I HAVE TO GO TO SEE HIM?
A DARK PLACE?

THE OLD TOWN BECAME RUINS A LONG TIME AGO AND IS NOW THE WORLD OF THE DARKNESS.
WHEN I FIRST MET RAVEN...
I...HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE COULD BE...
He's not showing himself.
I WAS IN THE DARKNESS, RIGHT?
Hmm
BUT I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO BE ABLE TO GO TO RAVEN'S PLACE ONCE MORE.....
«THE BOTTOM ISN'T A PLACE PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN.»
THE TOWN'S DEEPEST PARTS...
A SHADE'S LAIR...
AH!
THE BOSS SAID,

IF I FALL DOWN FROM HERE, I'LL SURELY DIE...
HOWL
AND I COULD BE ATTACKED BY OTHER SHADES...
SWALLOW
BUT I CAN'T THINK OF ANOTHER WAY TO FIND RAVEN.
OH! THERE'S A LADDER.
CLENCH
SNAP
EH!

FLOAT

HUH...?

IS THIS THE TOWN'S DEEPEST PLACE?
WHAT A LONELY PLACE ...
APPEAR
SHINE

A SHADE CAME OUT...
OF A DOLL...
HE WAS JUST BORN...
THIS FLOTS...M
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND ..
TAKE ME WITH YOU...
DON'T FORGET ME...

IT'S LONELY HERE...
THE FEELINGS OF THE FORGOTTEN TOWN AND OBJECTS
INCAR-NATE INTO SHADES ?
TMP
BIG SISTER
GIVE ME YOUR SOUL.
A SHADE!
NOT GOOD!
DASH

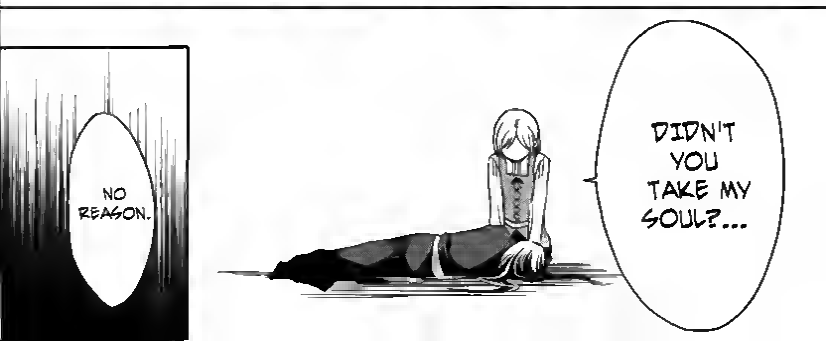
TAP
TAP
TAP
HE'S GOING TO CATCH UP.
STRETCH
EEEEK
!
CRACK
CUT

WOOSH
PANT
THE LAMP...
BECOME MY LAMP,
SUDDENLY
MISS.
IT'S LONELY HERE.

WHOOSH
THE FLAMES OF THE LAMP OF THE LIGHT ARE MAKING A SHIELD...
I'M LONELY.
GETS CLOSER
SLIP
I'M LONELY.
DASH
QUICKLY
TO RAVEN'S PLACE
I'M LONELY
EP

GASP!
THIS PLACE...
THE ATMOSPHERE CHANGED.
RAVEN?

RAVEN!
DISAPPEARING
!!
WHY


DIDN'T YOU TAKE MY SOUL?...
NO REASON.

DRIP
DROP
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO...?
YOU DID WELL, COMING TO THIS PLACE...
!
Heave -ho
DRIP
THE ME RIGHT NOW
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I GAVE IT BACK TO MAKE YOU CRY.
RAVEN!
I TOLD YOU IT'S FINE.
TAKE MY SOUL!
YOU KNOW,
THE REASON I GAVE BACK YOUR SOUL
BUT...
OREGANO,
JUST YOUR FEELINGS ARE ENOUGH.
BUT!!
GIG
GLE

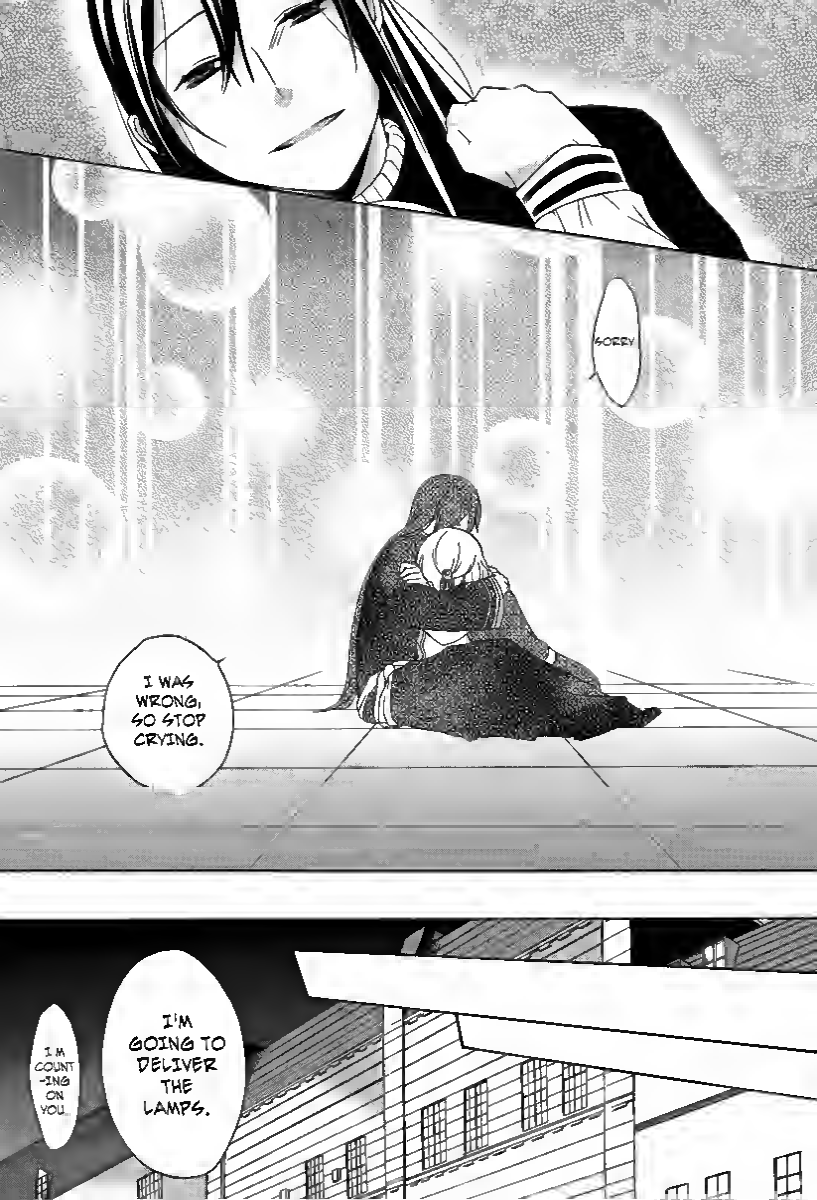
IS BECAUSE
IT WAS COMFORT-ABLE BY YOUR SIDE.
DISIN-TEGRATE
EVEN MORE THAN A DARK LAMP.

STAY HERE.
PLIP
PLIP
PLOP
DON'T DISAP-PEAR.
PL
OP
STAY BY MY SIDE.
Ugh

WHAT ...?
IT'S NOT BRIGHT LIKE A LAMP OF THE LIGHT
GLOW

WOOSH

HUH..
....?
HOW
COME
.....?
....
HIC
...


SORRY
I WAS WRONG, SO STOP CRYING.
I'M GOING TO DELIVER THE LAMPS.
I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET TO KNOW A SHADE.
HEY BIG BROTHER
THIS IS RAVEN HE WON'T STEAL YOUR SOUL.
CLOCK
THOSE TWO GET ALONG WELL...
BAM
ONE OF THESE DAYS THEY'RE GOING TO TELL YOU "WE'RE LOVERS".
He He He
ISN'T IT FINE? HE'S HARMLESS AFTER ALL.
I WON'T APPROVE IT.
Shades I'll make them all disappear from this town
THE METHOD TO MAKE A DARK LAMP:
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
It huuuu- uuurfs

THE REASON WE COULD MAKE A DARK LAMP AT THAT TIME
IT WON'T WORK! IT WON'T WORK!
I'LL LIGHT THE FLAME WHILE CRYING.
That way there'll be some kind of reaction and a dark lamp will...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT.
I WAS DESPERATE AT THAT TIME, SO I DON'T REMEMBER.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DISAPPEAR!
I WANT TO SAVE YOU!
IS SURELY BECAUSE OF OREGANO
IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S UNIQUE TO OREGANO AND ME.
I'LL HELP MAKE LAMPS TOO.

YES.
AS LONG AS YOU'RE ALIVE, IT WILL EXIST
LET'S MAKE LAMPS TOGETHER.

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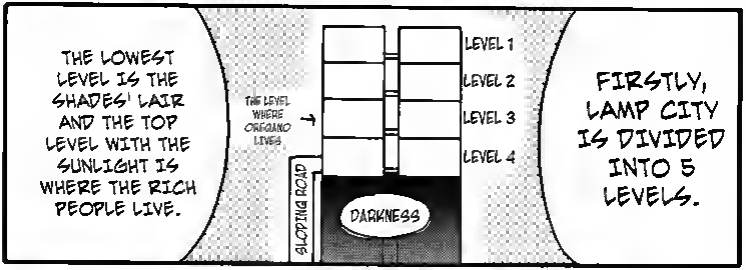
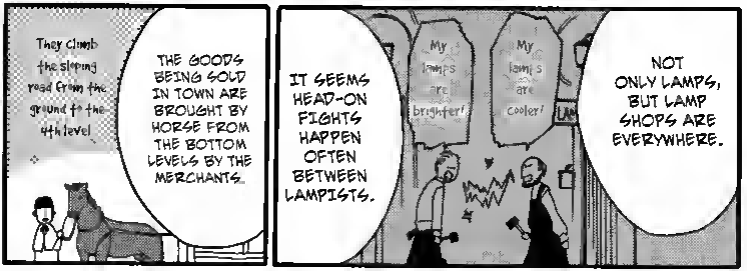
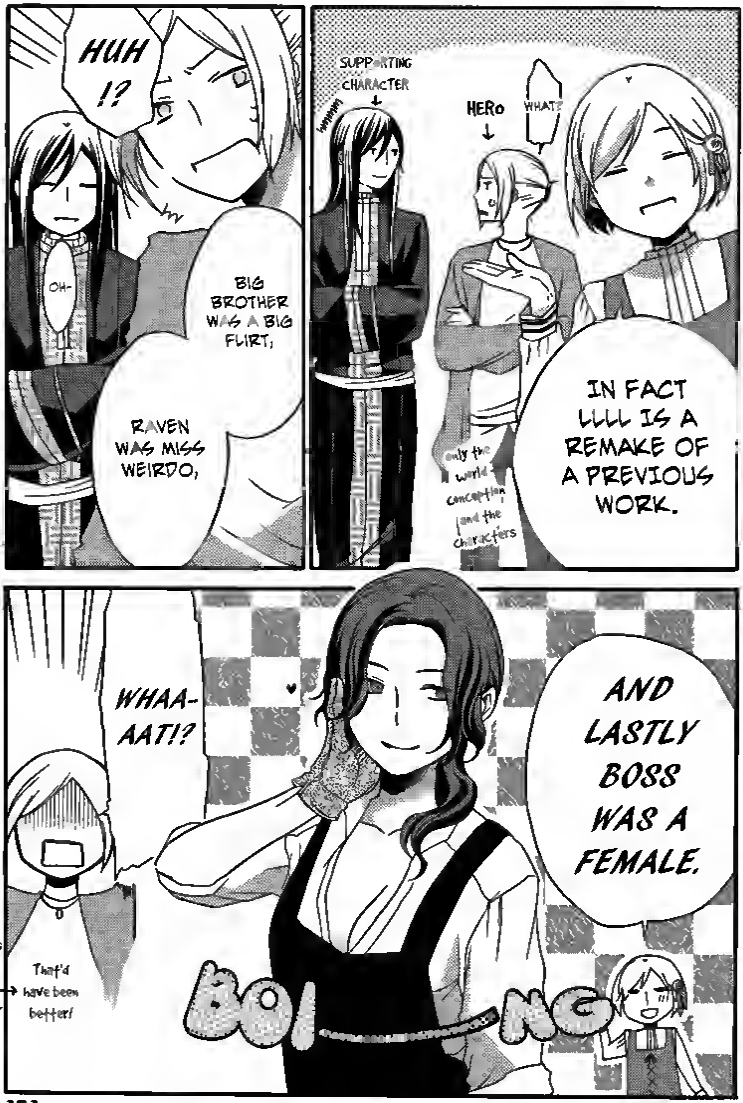
TODAY I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND LAMP CITY.

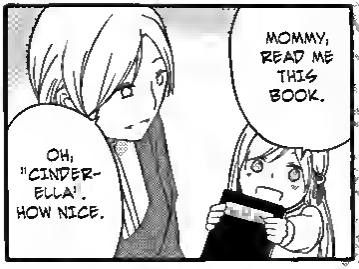

FIRSTLY, LAMP CITY IS DIVIDED INTO 5 LEVELS.
LEVEL 1
LEVEL 2
LEVEL 3
LEVEL 4
THE LEVEL WHERE ORGANO LIVES
SLOPING ROAD
DARKNESS
THE LOWEST LEVEL IS THE SHADES' LAIR AND THE TOP LEVEL WITH THE SUNLIGHT IS WHERE THE RICH PEOPLE LIVE.

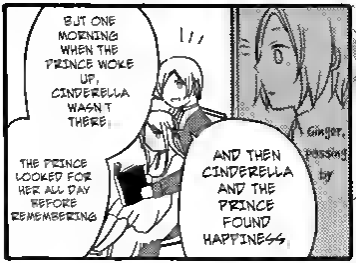

NOT ONLY LAMPS, BUT LAMP SHOPS ARE EVERYWHERE.
My lamps are brighter!
My lamps are cooler!
IT SEEMS HEAD-ON FIGHTS HAPPEN OFTEN BETWEEN LAMPISTS.
THE GOODS BEING SOLD IN TOWN ARE BROUGHT BY HORSE FROM THE BOTTOM LEVELS BY THE MERCHANTS.
They climb the sloping road from the ground to the 4th level

SINCE THE TRANSPORTATION FEES COMPOUND, WHEN THE MERCHANDISE GETS TO THE TOP LEVEL, THE PRICES-
It's going to become a taboo talk about why people shouldn't live in that town
IF YOU MAKE IT SOUND THAT REAL, THE WORLD CONCEPTION OF LLLL WILL COLLAPSE, SO LET'S STOP, OKAY?

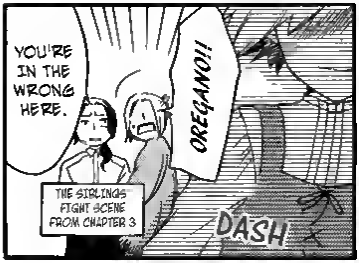

HUH!?
OH-
BIG BROTHER WAS A BIG FLIRT,
RAVEN WAS MISS WEIRDO,
SUPPORTING CHARACTER
HERO
WHAT?
IN FACT LLLL IS A REMAKE OF A PREVIOUS WORK.
only the world conception and the characters
WHAA-AAT!?
AND LASTLY BOSS WAS A FEMALE.
BOING
The Boss will hit him later for that.
That'd have been better!

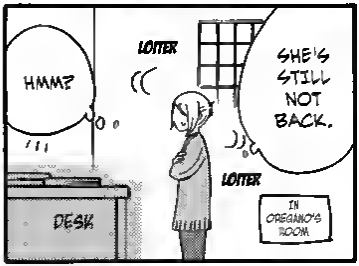
BIG BROTHER AND OREGANO

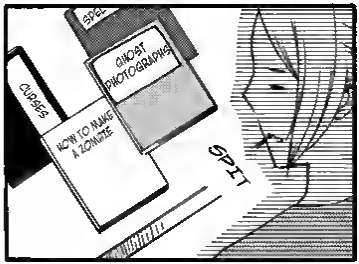


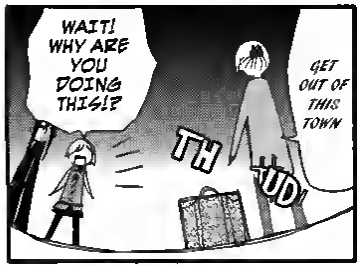

BUT ONE MORNING WHEN THE PRINCE WOKE UP, CINDERELLA WASN'T THERE.
THE PRINCE LOOKED FOR HER ALL DAY BEFORE REMEMBERING
Ginger, passing by
AND THEN CINDERELLA AND THE PRINCE FOUND HAPPINESS

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE THIRD CHAPTER









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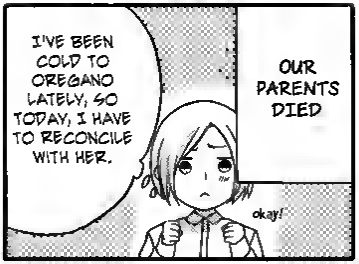

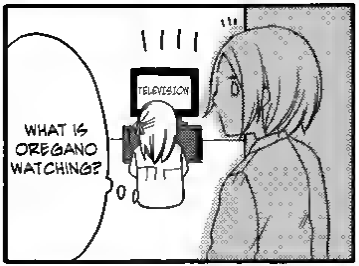

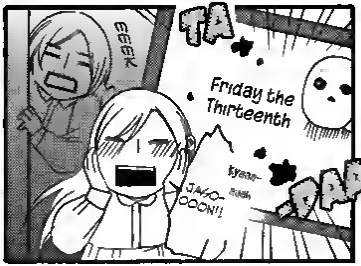

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AFTERWORD

First series, first comic.
I was always under pressure because things didn't go as well as I wanted, but I'm thankful for my editor and my family who have supported me until now

About "LLLL"'s title, it has a proper meaning
This series' themes

- Lamp
- Life
- Light
- Love

By taking their initial letter "L" the title became "LLLL", quadruple L

I thank you from the heart for reading until now
I hope we'll meet again in the future.

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LLLL『L』
IT'S GREAT THERE WAS AN EMPTY HOUSE IN A NICE PLACE.
THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE PASSING BY BUT THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT THE KIND OF LAMP THAT CAN BE SOLD OPENLY.
EVEN IF IT'S SLOWLY OVER TIME, IT'D BE NICE IF THE TOWN AND THE SHADES COULD CHANGE.
EVEN THOUGH BIG BROTHER WAS OPPOSED TO ME BECOMING INDEPENDENT UP TO THE END,
IT'D BE GOOD IF HE LEARNED TO BE APART FROM HIS SISTER.

SURELY
IT WILL BECOME A SHOP FREQUENTED BY BOTH HUMANS AND SHADES.

end.